

## UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest and pre-proposals for the **VentureWell Ecosystem Futures Fellowships** limited competition. It is a one-year program that aims to strengthen campus innovation and entrepreneurship. This fellowship enhances both in-class and out-of-class student engagement and institutional culture by growing ecosystem networks. Teams of two will receive \$35,000 in funding—a \$10,000 award and \$7,500 in travel stipends for each fellow—and 12 months of immersive programming and communities of practice.

At least one team member must hold a faculty position. The second team member may be faculty, an I&E administrator or staff member, a representative from the president's or provost's office, or a dean.

**Sponsor:** VentureWell

**Opportunity Title:** Ecosystem Futures Fellowships

**Opportunity Number:** n/a

**Sponsor Due Date:** 10/23/2024 9:59pm MT (applications open on 8/28/2024)

**Info Sessions:** 9/12/2024 @ 1pm MT & 10/2/2024 @ 10am MT

**Award Range:** \$35K

**Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM:** Two (2)

**Solicitation:** [VentureWell Ecosystem Futures Fellowship Application Guidelines](#)

**Instructions:** We will conduct a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.

**Limited Comp. STEP 1: Required SOI Due Date:** **NOON on August 28, 2024** (for planning purposes)

**Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date:** **NOON on September 4, 2024**

**STEP ONE:** Please submit your 100-word **statement of interest** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Note that SOIs will NOT be scored; we require them to assist us in forming a review committee.

**STEP TWO:** Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal, abbreviated budget, and CVs for key personnel via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the pre-proposal application, but you may work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

Pre-proposals should address the major topics that will be included in the proposal narrative, including:

### 1. STEM I&E Ecosystem Development Plan (25%)

- a. Proposed plan and activities fit within the scope of the fellowship program. (Q2, Q3)
- b. Plan outlines what is new about their approach and why they believe this new approach will be successful. (Q5)
- c. The proposal will expand opportunities for students to participate in classroom activities and co- and extracurricular programs that allow them to explore their interests in I&E initiatives. (Q2, Q6, Q9)

### 2. Environmental and Social Sustainability (25%)

- a. Plan centers environmental and social sustainability as they are defined on page 1 of the proposal sandbox. (Q3)
- b. Environmental & social sustainability are considered in stakeholder impact statements. (Q9)

### 3. Inclusive Innovation (25%)

- a. Plan centers inclusive innovation as it is defined on page 1 of the proposal sandbox. (Q3)
- b. Inclusive innovation practices are considered in the stakeholder impact statement. (Q6, Q9)
- c. Improvements to equitable access within STEM I&E are explicitly noted. (Q6)

**4. Ecosystem Analysis (12.5%)**

- a. Past attempts at ecosystem growth and limitations are described. (Q4)
- b. Potential challenges are identified. (Q8)

**5.Resource Identification (12.5%)**

- a. Collaboration with university leadership is described as a method of scaling I&E impact and enhancing student pathways. (Q7)
- b. Narrative outlines potential costs, time, people, infrastructure, and other resource needs associated with accomplishing the team's goals. (Q10)

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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