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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: VentureWell Course & Program Grants

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The VentureWell Course & Program Grants are intended to support the curricular efforts of faculty and student innovators in the creation of novel technologies and ventures that will help to solve humanity's most pressing environmental and social challenges. As threats to our planet posed by human activity have intensified, they have advanced their organizational commitment to sustainability, and have made social and environmental impact a priority on ALL of our faculty grants, as well as prioritized curricular efforts that encourage student innovation and entrepreneurship that integrates environmental and social sustainability.

C&P grants may be used to strengthen existing curricular programs or to build new, pedagogically inclusive courses and programs that engage student teams in developing and pursuing scalable solutions to real-world needs through science and technology innovation and entrepreneurship (S&T I&E). The end goal is to support diverse groups of faculty, staff, and students in collaborating to develop novel inventions and technologies that have positive environmental and social impact.

Activities supported by C&P grants should lead to effective courses and programs that are sustained by the institution, lead to the formation of student teams by leveraging experiential learning practices, and expand opportunities for learning across science and technology innovation and entrepreneurship.

C&P grant proposals may include plans to create or improve an individual course, course sequence, minor, major, certificate program, or other co- and extracurricular programs that are directly tied to and support I&E-focused curricula. Science and technology focus area may include, but are not limited to:

- General (science- and technology-based) entrepreneurship
- Sustainable technologies (new materials, clean tech, green energy, and chemistry innovation)
- Climate change solutions (technology to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change), especially technologies that support communities most impacted by climate change
- Biomedical and healthcare innovation
- Technologies that address poverty alleviation and basic human needs

VentureWell awards up to \$30,000 grants (with a duration of up to three years). More details about the application can be found on the program website: <https://venturewell.org/course-program-grants/guidelines/>. Applications are due in early November 2023.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to TWO proposals.** If you are interested in submitting a preliminary proposal please submit a 200-word statement of interest via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#) by **NOON on August 30, 2023**. Based on the responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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