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Subject: W.M. Keck Foundation Grant Opportunity – Undergraduate Education Program

UNM Main Campus researchers are eligible to apply for a W.M. Keck Foundation Undergraduate Education Program area grant.

The Foundation's Undergraduate Education Program promotes distinctive learning and research experiences in science, engineering and the liberal arts at four year undergraduate colleges only in Foundation designated states, or through national organizations that address undergraduate needs. *Public institutions and research universities located in the designated states may apply but must demonstrate a compelling or unique resource to be competitive.* Historically, grants range from \$200,000 to \$1 million, and are typically under \$500,000. On a case by case basis, the Foundation may consider the award of smaller seed grants for planning and piloting.

### **Program Priorities**

- Foster new levels of student engagement and understanding, especially through active learning and collaborative curriculum development
- Expand interdisciplinary activities in balance with needs of each discipline
- Incorporate research activities into the curriculum and raise the bar of expectations regarding publications and presentations by undergraduates
- Enhance science and technology literacy for students in all disciplines
- Develop new ways to stimulate critical thinking and other core competencies of a liberal arts education

Under a new process, the Keck Foundation will accept up to four, one-page preliminary concept papers in the Undergraduate Education Program area for “pre-application counseling.” The Foundation will review and discuss each of the concepts to indicate whether they may be receptive to a proposal for that project. Based on that feedback, UNM will choose one concept to submit as a Phase I application for a May 1, 2016 deadline.

**Note: In the interests of time, please indicate your interest in applying by sending an email to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by NOON on November 13, 2015. You do not have to have a firm commitment. A project title with the name and department of the PI will suffice.**

**This is a limited competition. For consideration, please send a one-page concept paper to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by NOON on December 1, 2015.** The paper should be in 12-point font with 1-inch margins and include:

- An overview of the proposed project emphasizing any unique aspects and pilot studies for Undergraduate Education concepts
- A description of the methodologies and key personnel
- A brief justification of the need for Keck support
- An estimated budget broken down by major areas, e.g., personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc. (budgets can be rough approximations at this stage)

Please note that Keck will not pay:

- Indirect costs/overhead (but IDC can be imputed as cost share)
- Student tuition
- Support for principal investigators exceeding 10% of annual salary
- Renovation in excess of 10% of request

If there's room, authors are free to add other details (e.g., background to put the work into perspective, description of the institution's prominence in the field, etc.).

More information can be found at:

Keck Foundation website: <http://www.wmkeck.org/>

Application process: <http://www.wmkeck.org/grant-programs/undergraduate-program/application-process-80092>

Concept paper description: <http://www.wmkeck.org/grant-programs/undergraduate-program/application-process-80092/214-grantprograms/shared/1482-concept-papers>

Funded grant abstracts - <http://www.wmkeck.org/grant-programs/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-grant-abstracts>

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the Limited Competitions Management Team ([limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu)).

You may also contact Betsy Till, Sr. Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the UNM Foundation (505-277-1589 or [betsy.till@unmfund.org](mailto:betsy.till@unmfund.org)) with any questions about the Keck Foundation.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford at 505-272-6950 for more information.