

Globally-Engaged Research Student Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Global Education Office (GEO) and the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) at The University of New Mexico (UNM) welcome nominations for the *Globally-Engaged Research Award* to highlight the dynamic international research conducted by UNM students.

Bridging both national and institutional borders, internationally focused research enhances knowledge production by simultaneously broadening the investigative lens and generating a more nuanced analysis through the incorporation of global diversity. These awards showcase existing activities and serve to elevate the visibility and caliber of future research by promoting the incorporation of cross-cultural perspectives and international relevance into the UNM research enterprise. The award emphasizes our commitment to robust, intentional, international partnerships in our research and classrooms to solve a wide range of global issues and prepare a new generation of scholars to work and live in an interconnected and rapidly evolving world.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The *Globally-Engaged Research Awards* are individual awards in recognition of outstanding international research by students on UNM's main and branch campuses.

For the purposes of this award, "international research" comprises research (inclusive of scholarship and creative works) in international settings, involving strong international research partnerships, or with significant, direct impacts outside of the U.S.

- **Graduate Student Award**, \$1500 cash prize
- **Deborah Riftenbary Memorial Undergraduate Student Award**, \$1000 cash prize
Dr. Deborah Riftenbary dedicated her long career at UNM to promoting student success and the well-being of children and their families in New Mexico and abroad. A former Professor and Interim Dean in the College of Education and Human Sciences, Riftenbary promoted international collaboration and professional development through the Student Teachers in Austria Reach Success (STARS) program.

Awardees will be selected by an invited panel of faculty, professional staff and students who review and rank the applicants. Final selection will be made by the VPR in consultation with the Provost.

Nominations for the 2024 award must be submitted via InfoReady (<https://unm.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1928704>) by **February 29, 2024**. If you have any questions or would like support creating application materials, please contact:

- Undergraduates: Tim Schroeder, Director of Undergraduate Research Arts & Design Network, timschroeder@unm.edu
- Graduates: Nicole Tami, Executive Director, Global Education Initiatives, ntami@unm.edu

GRADUATE AWARD

Eligibility:

- Nominations must be made jointly by the student and a faculty advisor and/or department chair;
- International research (as defined in this announcement) that was undertaken, entirely or substantially, while the student was enrolled in a UNM or affiliated graduate program on UNM's main or branch campuses;
- Nominee is a current student in good standing or is no more than 2 years past the terminal degree for which the research was conducted;
- Previous nominees who remain eligible are strongly encouraged to reapply;
- Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Demonstrated or potential academic impact of international research contributing to the growth of knowledge within one or more fields of study;
- Development of partnerships with colleagues and/or counterparts at academic organizations abroad and/or with internationally focused organizations;
- Scholarly products or outcomes of the international research experience;
- Demonstrated professional and personal growth as a result of one or more international research experiences;
- Evidence that the student has led or independently developed aspects of the international research program;
- Demonstrated broader impacts for international counterparts, e.g., training opportunities, positive impacts on human welfare or sustainability, development of infrastructure.

Application Requirements (Uploaded through the InfoReady Review system):

- Online Nomination Form in InfoReady;
- Letter of nomination from faculty advisor and/or department chair describing the nominee's qualities, achievements, and scholarship and how these reflect the award criteria (**1500 word limit**);
- Brief Narrative, to be completed by the nominee, describing the impact of the international research on their scholarly, professional, and/or personal growth, including future plans for research development or dissemination (**1500 word limit**);
- Nominee's Abbreviated CV containing highlights of the nominee's international work (**4 pages maximum**);
- Unofficial transcript (to verify enrollment status and GPA);
- 1-2 artifacts demonstrating the relevance of the research to the evaluation criteria (e.g., news article, letter of recognition, evidence of broader community or applied impact, research poster or short video).

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

Eligibility:

- Nomination may be submitted by either (1) a primary research mentor for the undergraduate student's internationally engaged activities (for instance, a faculty member, graduate student or research employment supervisor), or (2) the undergraduate student directly, with a letter of support from their research mentor;
- The research activities under consideration must have been conducted, wholly or substantially, while the student was enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or pre-graduate research program at UNM;
- Nominee is no more than one year past baccalaureate graduation;
- Evidence of an exemplary contribution to international research or scholarship activities at UNM or through a UNM-affiliated program, including research projects originated by students or significant contributions to research projects of senior investigators (for instance, faculty members, graduate assistants, or other professional researchers);
- For undergraduate students, "international research or scholarship" is defined as research, design or creative works that either (1) directly engages international partners or stakeholders, or (2) is designed to primarily impact stakeholders outside of the United States. International travel is not an essential element of this scholarly work;
- Previous nominees who remain eligible are strongly encouraged to reapply.

Evaluation criteria:

- Extent to which student contributions have increased the success, visibility, impact, application or scope of international research or scholarship endeavors (as defined above) at UNM or in UNM-affiliated programs;
- Strong academic record demonstrated through coursework, internships, or other co-curricular engagement. There is no minimum GPA, but nominators may wish to comment on mitigating circumstances that affect student GPA;
- Demonstrated scholarly, professional, and/or personal growth as a result of research experiences.

Application Requirements (May be uploaded by student or mentor through the InfoReady Review system):

- Online Nomination Form;
- Student Narrative describing their international research or scholarship engagement (as defined above) and addressing the evaluation criteria (including a reflection on how their research experience and how it has contributed to their educational/professional development) **(1500 word limit)**. Nominees are encouraged to get help with their narratives from their research mentors or from the UNM Undergraduate Research, Arts and Design Network (urad@unm.edu);
- Research Mentor Statement describing in detail the student's engagement with international research or scholarship, and demonstrating how the student meets each evaluation criteria; **(1500 word limit)**;
- (optional) 1-2 artifacts demonstrating the student's research contributions (e.g., research poster or abstract, thesis, photographs, short video, publication or creative product)
- Unofficial transcript (to verify enrollment status and GPA).