



ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION: UG RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY!



## Undergraduate Research Scholarship *Criteria and Guidelines (2022)*

### ***What is the Undergraduate Research Scholarship?***

The New Mexico AMP Undergraduate Research Scholarship (URS) was developed in recognition of the value of undergraduate research as a part of pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The scholarship provides undergraduate STEM majors with financial support (stipends and research support) during their research experience at the university.

### ***What does the award package include?***

URS's provide up to \$1,500 during each semester of research involvement. Summer awards are also possible for selected students (\$2,000). The stipend is also expected to cover your registration fees, travel and meals at the annual Student Research Conference (each Fall; dates available on the NM AMP website). Additional funding opportunities are book scholarships and STEM Pathways awards for entering STEM majors.

### ***What is the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (New Mexico AMP)?***

New Mexico AMP is a partnership of 27 post-secondary New Mexico institutions including twenty-one two-year colleges and six four-year universities. New Mexico AMP's goal is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities receiving B.S. degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

### ***What are the requirements to receive and keep a URS?***

- You must demonstrate progress toward and intent to complete a B.S. degree in an eligible STEM discipline at the time of application. A research project, faculty mentor, and plan for accomplishing the research must be provided. College transcripts and two letters of recommendation (from UNM faculty) will be evaluated to help assess progress and intent.
- You must be a **full-time UNM student** and a declared major in a National Science Foundation-identified Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics discipline (listed below).
- You must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
- You must attend the monthly research seminars and other AMP events.
- You must attend the New Mexico AMP Undergraduate Research Conference held each Fall in Las Cruces, and participate in appropriate other workshops and mentoring activities as your schedule permits.
- You must provide timely updates on your research activities as requested by AMP Coordinator.

### ***Who is eligible?***

All underrepresented minority students as described by the National Science Foundation are eligible. Eligible minorities include Hispanics, American Indians, African Americans, and Pacific Islanders/Alaskan Natives. Additional consideration will be given to minority transfer students from New Mexico AMP partner institutions who transfer as second-semester sophomores and above, and who have participated in New Mexico AMP programs and activities at the community college. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.50 or higher.

### ***How do I apply?***

Go to the NM AMP Portal (follow links at <https://nmamp.nmsu.edu/>). First create a profile and upload a **signed disclosure statement**. Then you will have the options for available applications.

Complete the application form. If you are an AMP transfer student, please be sure to indicate which institution you transferred from and when.

### ***What are the deadlines?***

- URS applications are posted online at the AMP Portal for best consideration, but late applications may be considered.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified of their awards by the institutional coordinator (Dr. Laura Crossey, [lcrossey@unm.edu](mailto:lcrossey@unm.edu)).

### ***When will the money be awarded?***

URS recipients will receive their awards through the scholarships office posted directly to their UNM account. During the semester, the awards are generally awarded one month after the beginning of the semester.

### ***Where should I send my completed application?***

Go to the NM AMP website, make an account and follow application instructions. Separate applications are needed for each semester. For the URS, you will need an identified mentor and project description.

<https://mynmamp.nmsu.edu/portal/login>

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**505 239-1148; [lcrossey@unm.edu](mailto:lcrossey@unm.edu) (please put “AMP” in the subject line)**

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Crossey at [lcrossey@unm.edu](mailto:lcrossey@unm.edu).

### **Eligible STEM Majors (NSF criteria)**

#### **CHEMISTRY**

Biochemistry

Chemistry

#### **GEOSCIENCES**

Atmospheric Sciences

Earth and Planetary Sciences

Environmental Science

#### **PHYSICS/ASTRONOMY**

Astronomy

Physics

#### **LIFE SCIENCES**

Biology

#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Computer Science

#### **MATHEMATICS**

Mathematics

#### **ENGINEERING**

Aeronautical Engineering

Agricultural Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Electronic Engineering Technology

Engineering Technology

Geological Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Materials Science & Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Nuclear Engineering

Surveying

Other Engineering