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A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER
FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS

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THE BIWEEKLY NEED TO KNOW

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WHO WE ARE

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GPSA)

GPSA is the official student government of all Graduate and Professional Students at UNM. We strive to support and promote YOUR interests and concerns on all university affairs. We offer several resources dedicated to advocacy, education, and financial support because we want YOU to succeed. For more information, visit www.gpsa.unm.edu.

What we do to support YOU:

- We offer grants for research, travel, and conference expenses.
- We offer funds to support graduate student organizations.
- We offer free coffee, printing, and computer pod services.
- We advocate for YOU at University Administration Meetings and at the State Legislature.

WELCOME BACK FROM PRESIDENT SAAVEDRA!

WELCOME BACK TO CAMPUS LOBOS!

Hello everyone—

Fall 2021 is here and I know that so many of you are just as excited as I am for this semester and academic year! If you are new to UNM, welcome to the Lobo Pack! If you are returning to UNM, welcome back to campus—for me, I have been at UNM for the past 5 years but feel like a new student because we have been away for so long (What do you mean I can't pause and mute myself?!).

Some of you are starting your last semester/academic year before graduating with your Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree, I am so excited for you! I hope that the coming weeks are everything that you wish for. Those of you that are just starting the journey toward your degree, I cannot wait to see all that you accomplish as you become experts in your field.

Let's remember to keep ourselves and those around us safe. Get vaccinated if you aren't already (easy \$100 straight to you!), remember to [upload proof of your vaccination](#). Wear your mask appropriately. Enjoy being back on campus and all that an in-person semester at UNM has to offer! Go Lobos!

Excited to be here with you,

David C. Saavedra,
GPSA President



GPSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL GRANT APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

Application Opens: Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Application Closes: Friday, September 17, 2021

All applicants will need to attend one of the following Applicant Training Sessions:

- Tuesday, August 31, 10am - 11am. Online (Zoom link will be distributed closer to meeting)
- Tuesday, September 7, 10am - 11am. SUB (Room will be announced closer to meeting)

All grant readers will need to attend one of the following Reader Training Sessions:

- Tuesday, September 14, 10am - 11am. Online (Zoom link will be distributed closer to meeting)
- Wednesday, September 15, 10am - 11am. SUB (Room will be announced closer to meeting)

In the Summer Grant Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$6,676.00 to Graduate and Professional Students across the university. 11 out of 12 applicants for the Summer Grant Cycle were awarded. We encourage ALL Graduate and Professional Students on Main Campus and North Campus to apply for a GPSA Grant.

If you want to be a reader and have attended a reading workshop during Fall 2021 or Spring 2021, you are not required to attend one during the Summer 2021 semester. However, please notify the Grants Chair at gpsafunding@unm.edu so you are granted access to read applications.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
GPSA GRANTS HERE**

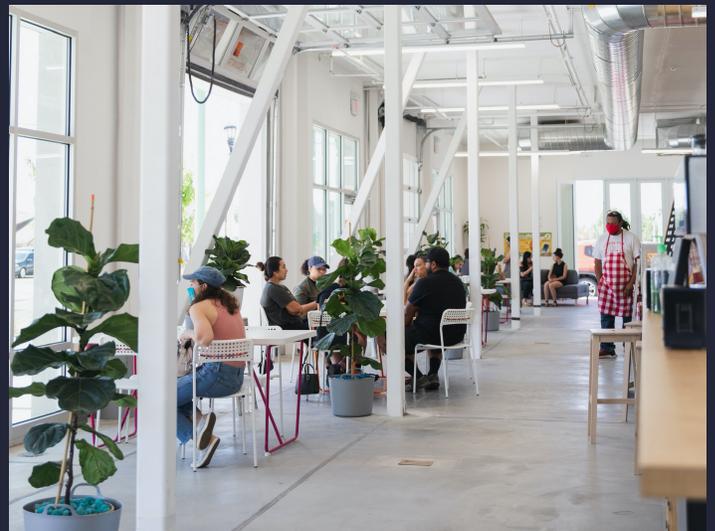
SPONSOR ANNOUNCEMENT

HELP NOVEL POINT RECOVER FROM BURGLARY

Novel Point Coffee is asking community members to help them recover from two burglaries that occurred within the span of a week. Their business lost cash and several pieces of equipment and would really appreciate donations to keep them in business. It may seem like a small thing, but they could really use the support during this time! Novel Point Coffee is a proud sponsor of GPSA. You can help this local business recover by donating to the Novel Point Coffee Go Fund Me.

Novel Point Coffee was founded during the pandemic by UNM biology graduate Alex Espinosa. Alex served coffee to UNM students, staff, and faculty for over 5 years at the Satellite in the SUB. He gave up his pursuit of medical school to start Novel Point and hopes he can apply his science degree to the coffee industry in the most simple, friendly, and approachable manner.

**DONATE TO HELP
NOVEL POINT COFFEE HERE**



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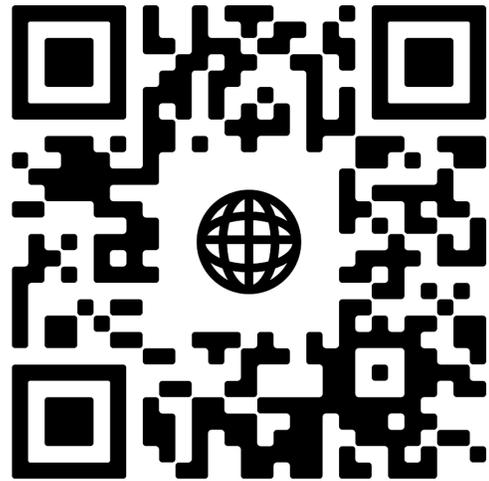
A MESSAGE FROM UNITED GRAD WORKERS

Great news, graduate workers! The Public Employee Labor Relations Board has ruled that graduate workers are employees covered under the Public Employee Bargaining Act. This means we have the same right to bargain a new contract as all other public employees in New Mexico. Join us for our rallying on September 3rd at 11 AM between Mesa Vista and the SUB on campus to celebrate the labor board decision and urge the UNM administration to bargain a new contract with graduate workers as soon as possible. Be sure to also sign our issues sign-on and a union card to become a member of the United Graduate. We will also be holding a welcome back social on August 27 at 6 PM at Juno Brewery. Hope to see you all there!

SCAN THE QR CODES TO GET INVOLVED!



Join us: sign a card



Issues sign-on

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RALLY FOR RECOGNITION

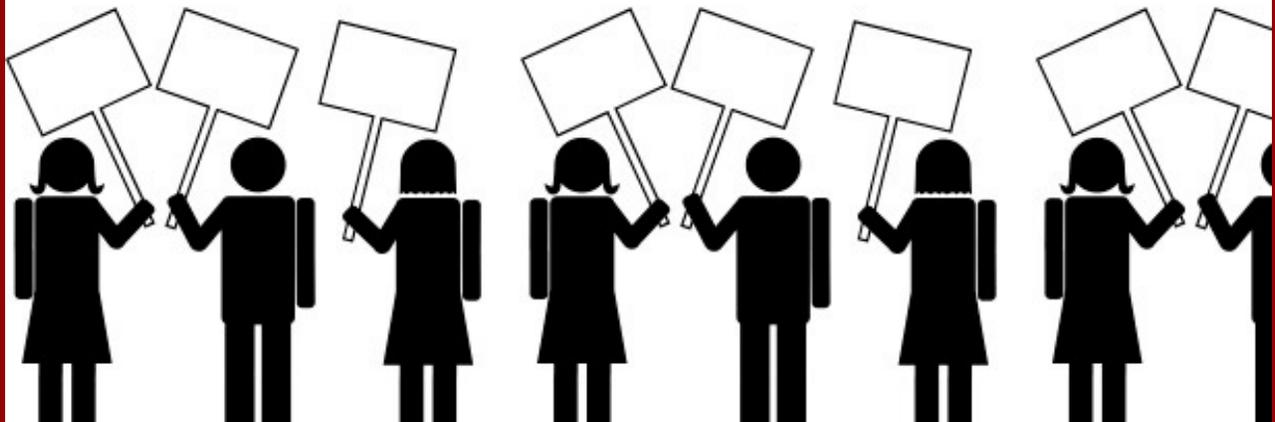
FRIDAY, SEPT. 3RD
11 AM

LOCATION: UNM
CAMPUS, BETWEEN THE
SUB AND MESA VISTA.

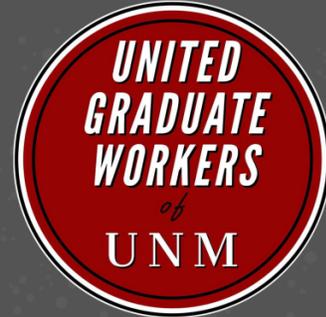


JOIN THE UNITED
GRADUATE WORKERS
OF UNM AS WE DEMAND
UNION RECOGNITION
AND TIMELY
BARGAINING FROM UNM
ADMINISTRATION!

Socials: @unmgradworkers



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AT JUNO BREWERY

WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

Enjoy an evening out with your fellow union members! Make new connections and meet people from across campus!

AUGUST 27TH AT 6PM
1501 1ST STREET NW
(FORMERLY DIALOGUE BREWING)



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STUDENT INPUT NEEDED!

**LIVE IN THE
SOUTH VALLEY?
TAKE OUR SURVEY!**

SOUTH VALLEY HIDDEN GEMS

A project to identify and celebrate the artists, leaders, and resources of the South Valley.

**LEARN MORE AT
[CESOSS.ORG/SVHG](https://cesoss.org/svhg)**



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**2021
WELCOME BACK**

BBQ

AUGUST 26TH 2021
MESA VISTA COURTYARD
5PM


AFRICAN AMERICAN
STUDENT SERVICES

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NM
LGBTQ
RESOURCE
CENTER

11
YEARS
QUEER

Welcome Back BBQ
Friday, August 27th
4pm-7pm
1919 Las Lomas

Please contact us for accessibility needs

505-277-5428 *MASKS ARE REQUIRED* LGBTORC@UNM.EDU

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Welcome Back Lobos!

2021 RAZA JUNTA

*Join us as we kick off the new academic year with danza, musica y comida!
Pick up your student meal ticket @ El Centro.
Tickets are limited & first come first serve!*

¡Para Adelante Raza!

Wed. Sept. 1 | 11:30am - 1:30pm
Mesa Vista Hall, Ethnic Center Court Yard



elcentro@unm.edu
(505) 277-5020



Mesa Vista Hall
Room 1148

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2021 AISS WELCOME BACK

Thursday, September 2
12:00 - 2:00 PM

Mesa Vista Hall
Southwest Courtyard

Connect with New & Returning Lobos

Meet UNM Faculty & Staff

Visit with Native Student Organizations

Enjoy Light Food & Refreshments

TICKETED EVENT:

Pick up your ticket at AISS (1119 Mesa Vista Hall)

Available while supplies last

UNM is following federal and state guidelines for Covid-19 and participants understand and assume the health risks with attending events in-person during the pandemic.

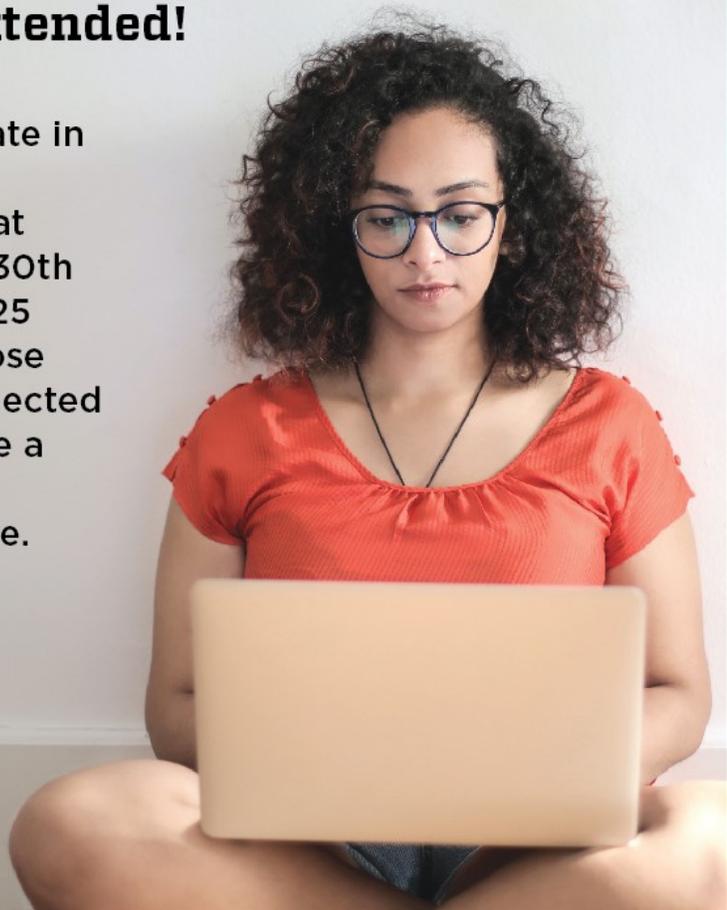
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Hey UNM Grad Students! Survey deadline extended!

You are invited to participate in a study to help improve research ethics education at UNM. Respond by August 30th for your chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Plus, those who consent to and are selected for an interview will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card as compensation for their time.

Study conducted by Sue Wilder
Ph.D. Candidate in Organization,
Information & Learning Sciences
swilder@unm.edu

Principal Investigator:
Dr. Charlotte N. Gunawardena
IRB #: O7021



CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY AUGUST 30TH
[HTTPS://FORMS.UNM.EDU/FORMS/LEP_SURVEY](https://forms.unm.edu/forms/lep_survey)

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Engineering and Science Virtual Fair
Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021 from 11am-2pm

PREPARE FOR THE FAIR!

WORKSHOPS

Wed Sept 1 - Resume Writing 12-1pm

<https://unm.zoom.us/j/92872694918>

Tues Sept 7 Tips for Virtual Fair Success 12-1pm

<https://unm/zoom.us/j/93937747034>

RESUME DAYS

Thur Sept 2 and Tue Sept 7

Option 1: 11-2pm in-person walk-ins

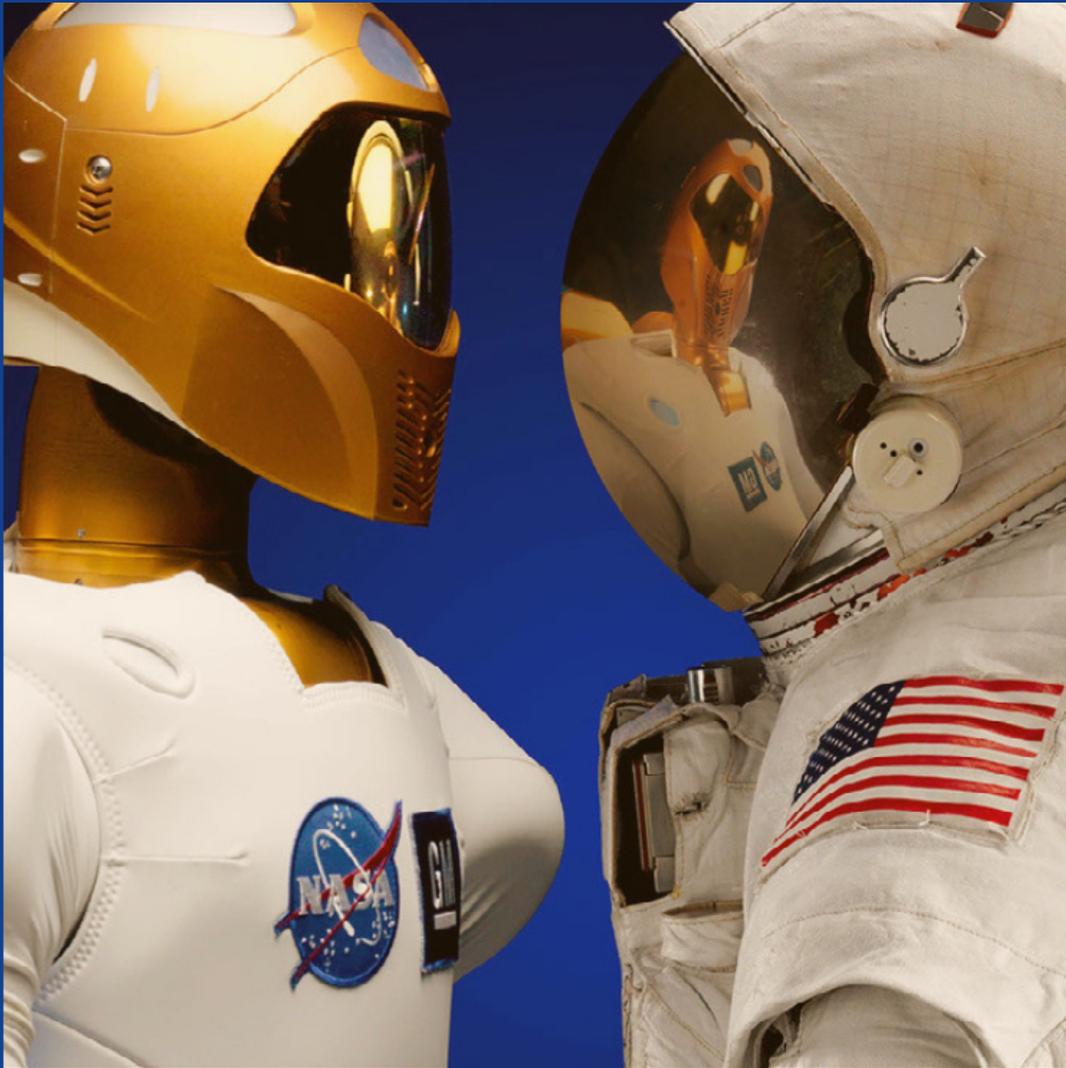
Option 2: Email your resume for feedback to

onlinecareereservices@unm.edu

CAREER.UNM.EDU

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**ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE
VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
11-2PM**

[CAREER.UNM.EDU](https://career.unm.edu)

[UNM.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM](https://unm.joinhandshake.com)

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**Business and Accounting Virtual
Career Fair**
Thursday, Sept 23, 2021
11-2pm

WORKSHOP

Wed Sept 22 Career Fair Success 12 -1pm

<https://unm.zoom.us/j/95808513197>

RESUME DAYS

Tues Sept 21 and Wed Sept 22

Option 1: 11-2pm In-person walk-ins

**Option 2: Email your resume for
feedback to**

onlinecareerservices@unm.edu



career.unm.edu

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Business and Accounting Virtual Career Fair

Thursday, September 23, 2021

11-2pm

unm.joinhandshake.com



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Seeking Graduate Research Assistant for Water Infrastructure Funding Mechanism Analysis Project 12 August 2021

The [Southwest Environmental Finance Center](#) (SW EFC) is looking for a graduate student who has an interest in water resources and management to participate in research funded by the Spring Point Partners, a philanthropic organization [See page 2 for more information about the project]. The research would involve gathering documents and data, analyzing data, and conducting case studies related to water infrastructure funding programs throughout the 50 states and U.S. territories.

We are looking for a student with strong research and writing skills, someone who has the capacity to be a part of a professional team, and an individual who is able to contribute to the following tasks:

- Data collection and analysis,
- Case study research, and
- Interviews with staff of state-level agencies focusing on water issues

The research assistant must be able to work independently as well as collaboratively as part of a team and must have intermediate-level experience with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint).

The research assistant will be expected to work 15- 20 hours/week, which will consist of conducting research, meeting with Spring Point project team leader (Dr. Joni m palmer) and working with the project team. We are hoping to have someone start Tuesday 7 September.

COMPENSATION: Graduate Research Assistant

The student will be paid hourly for 15-20 hours/week. Hourly wage: \$20

*There is the possibility of spring semester and/or summer term renewal.

If interested, please submit a resume and cover letter (1-page only, including your interests and skills, see paragraph above) to joni m palmer, PhD [palmerjonim@unm.edu] by **Friday, August 27, 2021 at Noon**. We expect to contact students for an interview and list of references on Monday 30 August.

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Information about the research project

Project Problem Statement: Funding Related to Water May Be Restricting the Ability to Achieve Full Cost Efficiency [EXCERPTED FROM PROJECT PROPOSAL]

There are a great many benefits that have accrued from practicing Asset Management. While we have made great strides, there are two areas where improvement is possible and desirable. One is the area of funding approach that often works counter-productively with asset management.

For clarity, any time the word "water" is used it is meant to refer to the collective of drinking water, wastewater, and storm water.

Infrastructure requires funding – funding for the day-to-day operation and maintenance activities and funding for the larger capital replacements and rehabilitation projects that water utilities would like to undertake. The money for day-to-day operation and maintenance as well as some of the capital projects comes primarily from customers in the form of user fees or taxes. The money for major capital projects can come from outside funding sources such as state or federal agencies. Two of the major entities are the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) and Rural Development (RD). The SRF programs are funded out of capitalization grants from EPA while the RD funds come from USDA. These agencies make a very big distinction that they will not fund "operation and maintenance" only capital. No one would argue strongly that an outside loan is desirable for routine activities of a utility. However, there are a lot of activities between day-to-day operation and new capital and the most efficient operation would say that one should fund the most cost-effective solution, no matter what combination it is.

In both the initial phase of the project and in the beta testing we will reach out to organizations such as the Council of Infrastructure Financing Agencies (CIFA) and the Small Community Water Infrastructure Exchange (SCWIE) to determine ways in which they can provide input or help develop products that would be most useful to state and federal funding agencies. They may also be able to help with the beta testing phase of the project.

The products will include: a compendium of funding best practices that have been or could be used to provide funding that is more in line with asset management principals and that has a greater array of potential long-term financial benefits. It will also include training materials.

The approach will be beta tested by water utilities and/or water funding agencies across the country. In particular, the ability of small to medium sized systems to be able to use this approach for funding future projects is particularly important to test.

We are looking for several benefits, outcomes and outputs from this work. The primary benefit will be the increased cost-efficiency of the overall funding program and the ability of the funding agencies to fund more projects overall if they fund each project more efficiently.

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Collegiate Recovery Center

THE UNM COLLEGIATE RECOVERY CENTER IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION, AT ANY POINT ON THEIR JOURNEY. WE OFFER A SAFE SPACE FOR STUDENTS IN/SEEKING RECOVERY TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES SPECIFIC TO THEIR NEEDS AND TO INTERACT WITH THE UNM COMMUNITY OF PEERS IN RECOVERY. WE ARE HERE TO PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STUDENTS IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION CAN CREATE SUSTAINABLE ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING.

CONTACT US

LOCATION: B67E LOGAN HALL (DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY)

BUILDING #34 (SEE CAMPUS MAP)

PHONE: 505-277-0560

EMAIL: RECOVERY@UNM.EDU

ALL PROGRAMMING IS VIRTUAL FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. SEE CALENDAR UNDER PROGRAMS FOR LINKS.

SOCIAL MEDIA: [@UNM_CRC](https://twitter.com/UNM_CRC) (TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM)

JOIN OUR LISTSERV!

[HTTPS://RECOVERY.UNM.EDU](https://recovery.unm.edu)

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LOOKING FOR OTHER RESOURCES?

- [African American Student Services \(AASS\)](#)
- [American Indian Student Services \(AISS\)](#)
- [Associated Students of the University of New Mexico \(ASUNM\)](#)
- [Collegiate Recovery Center](#)
- [Community Engagement Center \(CEC\)](#)
- [NM Dream Team](#)
- [El Centro de la Raza](#)
- [Graduate Resource Center \(GRC\)](#)
- [Graduate and Professional Student Association \(GPSA\)](#)
- [Graduate Studies \(GS\)](#)
- [Kiva Club](#)
- [LGBTQ Resource Center](#)
- [Lobo Guardian](#)
- [LoboRESPECT](#)
- [Men of Color Initiative \(MOCI\)](#)
- [Office of Career Services](#)
- [Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color \(PNMGC\)](#)
- [Student Activities Center \(SAC\)](#)
- [Student Government Accounting Office \(SGAO\)](#)
- [Veteran & Military Resource Center \(VRC\)](#)
- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#)

HOWLING HIGHLIGHTS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LORENA BLANCO-SILVA!

Lorena Blanco-Silva currently serves Diversity Programs Director for the Division for Equity and Inclusion at the University of New Mexico, where she has worked for over 10 years, 9 with DEI. Ms. Blanco-Silva has spent over 20 years working in higher education, particularly with issues regarding the recruitment, retention and attainment levels for Latino students and faculty.

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS ANSELY EMEANUWA!

Ansely currently serves as the GPSA Student Support & Advocacy Chair and is working to earn a Masters in Accounting. Ansely manages a produce and flower farm and decorated the GPSA office with fresh flowers for Welcome Back Week!



WANT TO GIVE SOMEONE YOU KNOW A SHOUTOUT?

Want to give someone a shoutout for their birthday or an accomplishment? Our team loves to celebrate and recognize Lobos! If you want us to recognize someone in the next issue of the GPSA Communique, please email us an image and description to gpsa@unm.edu to include in the next newsletter.

All requests should be made one week prior to the publication of the GPSA Communique. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next newsletter is 5:00 PM on July 7, 2021.

WANT TO SHARE A MESSAGE WITH GRAD STUDENTS?

WE CAN SHARE YOUR MESSAGE WITH ALL GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT UNM

Our team is dedicated to promoting the resources available to Graduate & Professional Students at UNM. If you want us to highlight an event, program, or other resource available to Graduate & Professional Students, please email a request to gpsa@unm.edu with a brief description and flyer to include in the next newsletter.

All requests should be made one week prior to the publication of the GPSA Communiqué. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next newsletter is 5:00 PM on August 6, 2021.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA?

OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU ANY WAY THAT WE CAN! READ OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I have GPSA charge on my bursar's account? Students enrolled in a degree-seeking graduate program at UNM are required to pay a student fee to GPSA. This fee goes to funding UNM programs and organizations and is allocated annually by the Student Fee Review Board. Students who do not pay this fee are not eligible to apply for scholarships or grants through GPSA.

Are new UNM Graduate & Professional Students eligible to apply for grants? Yes. You are eligible to apply for SRG, PDG and NMRC (if being offered in the semester) if you meet the respective grant's requirement. However, you are not eligible to apply for the Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) if you are in your first semester.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA? CONTINUED

Are grants and scholarships offered every semester? The Student Research Grant (SRG), Professional Development Grant (PDG) and Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) are offered in every semester i.e. Fall, Spring and Summer. However, the New Mexico Research Grant (NMRC High Priority and General Priority) are offered only in the Fall Semester.

Can I apply to multiple grants in one grant cycle? Yes, you can apply multiple grants in the same grant cycle, but each grant requires a separate application i.e. Statement of Proposal, Budget sheet and Letter of Recommendation (if required).

Can I utilize my grant award another semester? Yes, you can. The funds which are sought for the event or activity must be utilized within the next, current or previous funding period.



Ask a question. Didn't see your question in our list of [FAQs](#)? Submit any questions you have on [our website](#). If your question is urgent or specific, please submit an email directly to the appropriate Committee Chair for a quicker response.

CONTACT US!

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LISTSERV: [JOIN OUR LISTSERV](#)

