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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEW MEXICO

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my honor and great privilege to reaffirm our unwavering commitment as the University FOR New Mexico. As our state's flagship university and its only Research 1 institution, UNM's impact extends far beyond our campus borders, driving innovation, economic growth, and community progress.

In alignment with our strategic plan, "UNM 2040: Opportunity Defined," we are actively enhancing and rebuilding our campus landscapes to create integrated learning environments and expand workforce development opportunities. These efforts are crucial for preparing our students to meet the evolving demands of today's workforce while nurturing the aspirations of tomorrow's Lobos. We sincerely appreciate the public investments that have enabled us to advance innovative research, improve health care accessibility, and enhance service delivery throughout the state. Your support has been instrumental in our mission to serve as the state's premier institution of higher learning, pioneering research, and compassionate patient care.

A cornerstone of our campus revitalization efforts is the new Humanities and Social Sciences complex. This project is not only about modernizing our facilities; it is about creating a foundational gateway for all students as they embark on diverse career paths across various disciplines. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the voters of New Mexico for their support demonstrated on November 5th, which has made this transformative project possible.

In the realm of health care, we are expanding our workforce development initiatives and delivery systems. This expansion creates more opportunities for New Mexicans to pursue careers in health care while providing greater access to innovative care throughout our state. Additionally, we are intensifying our efforts to address substance use disorders, recognizing the critical need for expanded services in this area.

Enhancing student services remains a top priority, ensuring that every Lobo receives the support needed to thrive academically and personally. These enhancements are designed to foster a more inclusive, supportive, and enriching university experience for all our students. We fully support our undergraduate and graduate student funding requests and are working closely with their respective associations to advance their legislative priorities.

The diversity and excellence of our student body, the remarkable capabilities of our faculty and staff, and the inspiring stories of our Lobo alumni continue to drive our impact. As we move forward, the recruitment and retention of top-tier talent remain essential for our ongoing success and ability to serve New Mexico. We are profoundly grateful for the continued support from our state leaders and citizens. Your belief in our mission empowers us to push boundaries, create opportunities, and make a positive impact on lives. Together, we are not just building a university; we are shaping the future of our state. Thank you for your continued partnership.



Garnett S. Stokes
President
The University of New Mexico

UNM 2040

OPPORTUNITY DEFINED



GOAL ONE
Advance New Mexico



GOAL TWO
Student Experience and
Educational Innovation



GOAL THREE
Inclusive Excellence



GOAL FOUR
Sustainability



GOAL FIVE
One University

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

• Improve Health Care Access and Health Outcomes Statewide

- » Grow health professional education programs and related infrastructure to address major health workforce gaps, deliver improved access to care, and catalyze new research and health care innovation
- » Integrate clinical care, research, prevention and public health approaches to reduce prevalence of substance use disorder
- » Continue forward progress on provider reimbursement rates
- » Increase targeted provider incentives for provider recruitment, education, training and practice in New Mexico's rural and underserved areas
- » Support a flexible and adaptive health care delivery system that expands abilities of providers to be nimble and responsive to patient care needs

• Contribute to a Diversified New Mexico Economy and a Well Educated, Homegrown Workforce

- » Foster community workforce collaborations that align educational programs with government and industry sectors, national labs, and a growing clean energy economy
- » Support expanded infrastructure for research, education and training programs in emerging science areas such as quantum information science and artificial intelligence
- » Grow state investments in research and tech development, advanced energy transitions, and new business development, including the Technology Enhancement Fund
- » Grow STEM-H education capacity and support improved math and literacy outcomes in the preK-12 education system
- » Support UNM infrastructure and facilities improvements that create more student-centered educational environments and promote new energy efficiencies
- » Strengthen educational pathways between New Mexico's preK-12 education system, UNM branch campuses, and UNM's Albuquerque Campus

• Enhance Equitable Educational Access, Student Support Services, and Campus Safety

- » Support I&G increase, UNM RPSPs, capital requests and other targeted appropriations, including improvements to campus safety, accessibility, cybersecurity, and building and equipment renewal/replacement
- » Sustain Opportunity Scholarship and Lottery Scholarship program state investments
- » Enhance program and service inclusivity reflective of New Mexico's many unique cultural identities
- » Expand access to programs supporting student health, wellbeing and basic needs
- » Provide advocacy support to ASUNM and GPSA regarding expanded scholarship funds, program supports and new capital requests
- » Increase faculty and program endowments and expansion funds oriented toward improved student services
- » Update Lobo Athletics facilities and increase program support for student-athlete success

• Improve New Mexico's National Competitiveness and Resident Quality of Life

- » Fully fund a minimum compensation increase of 4% for all employees, plus an additional targeted increase for faculty, and provide flexibility in the administration of compensation increases to address inequities
- » Support capital projects that attract new learners and top faculty, regionally and nationally
- » Strengthen recruitment and retention incentives for all faculty, staff and health professionals
- » Advise policies that will balance crime prevention and law enforcement with needed community support services for growing societal issues such as substance use disorders, behavioral health and criminal competency determinations
- » Support expansions of existing loan-for-service and loan repayment programs

SELECT CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

CENTRAL CAMPUS

Humanities & Social Sciences Complex	\$59,000,000
Title IX Improvements	\$18,500,000
Integrated Computing Research, Education & Data Center	\$17,200,000
NM Law Center Building Renovation	\$16,051,031
Police Department Headquarters	\$8,000,000

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

School of Medicine (Fitz Hall) New Facility Plan & Design..	\$37,000,000
College of Pharmacy Renovation Phase 2	\$28,500,000
Domenici Hall MRI	\$2,800,000
Simulation & Research Equipment	\$1,350,000

GALLUP CAMPUS

Campuswide Facilities Repair & Renewal	\$1,125,000
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LOS ALAMOS CAMPUS

Student Services Center Renovation	\$2,700,000
Open Space Design & Upgrade Phase 2	\$2,250,000

TAOS CAMPUS

Observatory & Space STEM Center Supplemental	\$12,855,617
Taos Workforce Center	\$6,250,000

VALENCIA CAMPUS

Workforce Training Center Classroom Modifications	\$3,500,000
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UNM FY26 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

More details on UNM requests are available at govrel.unm.edu



27K+
ENROLLED
IN FALL 2024

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID 2023-2024

\$170+
\$50+

MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS PAID
MILLION
IN GRANTS PAID



RESEARCH & PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

New Requests

Office of Substance Use Disorders	\$4,250,000
Quantum New Mexico	\$3,000,000
Accelerating Resilience Innovations in Drylands Institute (ARID)	\$2,997,610
Graduate Assistantship Compensation Increase	\$1,233,000
College of Population Health	\$5,700,000
Early Childhood Education Pathway: UNM-Los Alamos ...	\$210,279
Community Health Worker Program: UNM-Gallup	\$106,250

Expansion Requests

Office of the Medical Investigator	\$14,695,895
New Mexico Poison & Drug Information Center	\$3,180,512

Expansion Requests, contd.

ENLACE & Communities to Careers: Pathways Statewide Collaborative	\$3,000,000
Utton Transboundary Resources Center	\$898,555
Center for Regional Studies	\$853,680
Nursing Expansion Funds: UNM-Valencia	\$487,418
New Mexico Judicial Selection	\$147,064

Categorical Requests

Athletics	\$12,050,900
Tribal Education Initiatives: American Indian Language Resources Project	\$613,932
NM Teacher Pipeline: Research Opportunities for Science Educators	\$466,883

1 MILLION +

PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR AT
UNM HOSPITALS & CLINICS
(NOV 2023 - OCT 2024)



NEW MEXICO'S ONLY
ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER



LEVEL 1

NEW MEXICO'S ONLY
LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER

BRANCH CAMPUSES

The UNM Albuquerque Campus is complemented by four unique branches across the state.



GALLUP CAMPUS

GO Bond monies and supplemental funding in 2025 will be dedicated to new and continued renovation at UNM-Gallup to expand student services and improve learning, safety and energy efficiency in the areas of fine arts, welding, auto technology and construction.



TAOS CAMPUS

UNM-Taos is collaborating with workforce partners to expand the STEM and technical workforce in northern New Mexico, creating pathways for local residents to earn family-supporting wages and contributing to sustainable energy solutions for our region.



VALENCIA CAMPUS

GO Bond monies in 2025 would allow UNM-Valencia to remodel an existing building at our Tomé campus for the purpose of creating a comprehensive presence for health-related programs, and we plan to add a health clinic that will serve the residents of rural Valencia County for low- to mid-level health care needs.



LOS ALAMOS CAMPUS

Severance tax bond (STB) monies will be utilized at UNM-Los Alamos to upgrade our open spaces with new wayfinding, better lighting for safety and ADA compliant pathways. The project will also provide more outdoor seating, shade structures and native plants to support local species and minimize water usage.



5,900+

DEGREES &
CERTIFICATES

AWARDED IN 2023-2024



300+

DEGREE & CERTIFICATE
PROGRAM OPTIONS AVAILABLE