



UNM

Office of the Vice President for Research

September 2, 2016

Interdisciplinary Research Discussion Groups

Recognizing that expanding UNM's research enterprise requires new interdisciplinary collaborations, the Office of the VP for Research is offering to support Interdisciplinary Research Discussion Groups. These discussion groups will bring together faculty members to combine their diverse expertise and perspectives to generate new ideas that address interdisciplinary questions and areas of scholarship in which UNM could expand its national reputation.

The OVPR invites main campus faculty members to submit a brief proposal for a new Interdisciplinary Research Discussion Group. One page (maximum) proposals should include:

- A statement of hypothesis, problem, need or creative idea to be pursued;
- 2-3 interdisciplinary discussion questions that could form the agenda for an initial discussion on how best to achieve funded research and/or scholarship;
- A statement of how pursuing this research area would contribute to growing UNM's national reputation;
- Names and departmental affiliations of 3-5 colleagues who represent at least two UNM colleges and who have agreed to participate. Each name should be followed by a brief description of their expertise and perspective that would benefit the conversation;
- A list of potential target funding programs.

Upon acceptance of a proposal by the VPR, the discussion leader will meet with a Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO) representative (<http://research.unm.edu/frss>) to plan facilitation of the discussion and assign a note-taker. The OVPR will provide lunch for the discussion group.

Following the initial meeting of the group and a go/no go decision on immediate action, a FRDO representative will work with the discussion leader to provide support for next steps identified in the discussion.

Proposals can be submitted to frdo@unm.edu starting September 12, 2016. The OVPR anticipates supporting 1-2 discussion groups per month.

For additional information, contact Mary Jo Daniel at 277-0168 or mjdaniel@unm.edu.