



Graduate Student Success Scholarship

SOE Deadline for fall: SEPTEMBER 21 (5pm)

SOE Deadline for spring: NOVEMBER 2 (5pm)

DESCRIPTION:

The Success Scholarships are need-based scholarships that provide financial support to eligible graduate students currently enrolled in a *terminal* masters or doctoral program.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All nominees must be enrolled currently in a terminal masters or doctoral degree program at UNM and must demonstrate superior academic merit as well as financial need. NOTE: For Engineering or CS fields the terminal degree is PhD. For Construction Management is: Master of Const. Mgt.
- Nominees must have been enrolled in their UNM graduate program for at least one year and should demonstrate meritorious academic or creative accomplishments during their tenure in the program. • Nominees must have a current, updated FAFSA on file (for 2023-2024) so that the nominating unit can determine their level of financial need and the colleges and Graduate Studies can verify that level of need. In addition, students must have submitted all required verification documents to the Financial Aid Office, as requested. A complete financial aid file is required in order to properly assess a student's financial need. The Success Scholarship cannot be awarded to students who do not have an active and complete financial aid file.
- Student's faculty advisor must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member in the School of Engineering at UNM

APPLICATION PACKAGE:

Application packets for each nominee must at minimum include the following:

- A copy of the most current Student Aid Report (SAR)-for domestic students
 - International students must submit the [UNM Application for State Aid](#) (under Requests and Agreements) and request a completed copy from the UNM Financial Aid Office
- A copy of the student's financial aid award overview from LoboWeb

- A personal statement articulating the nominee’s academic and professional goals; and highlighting academic and/or creative achievements made while enrolled as a graduate student at UNM
- Completed [Funding Disclosure Form](#)
- Plan of study, with a schedule, for completing the requirements for their program
- **Letter of recommendation** (initiated by the student) from the department chair or faculty graduate advisor (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor). Acceptable letters of recommendation must:
 1. Identify the position of the letter writer, provide a statement of the relationship to the student, and indicate how long the letter writer has known the student.
 2. Assess the student’s academic strengths and personal qualities and provide specific examples that support those observations.
 3. Provide a summary that includes why the student is a good fit for the Graduate Student Success Scholarship.

Submit COMPLETE application packet by the above deadlines (@ 5pm) to the metal box located in the Engineering Student Success Center, CEC, Suite 2080 OR to SOE Dean’s Office Scholarship Box.

Instructions for accessing the financial aid award overview from Lobo Web:

- ⇒ Go to my.unm.edu and log in with your net id and password.
- ⇒ Click on Student Life tab
- ⇒ Click on Lobo Web
- ⇒ Click on Financial Aid Tab
- ⇒ Select the current academic year from SELECT AID YEAR list (click submit)
- ⇒ Click on AWARD INFO
- ⇒ Click on AWARD PACKAGE FOR AID YEAR
- ⇒ Click on AWARD OVERVIEW

PROCESS:

The Dean’s Office delegates will review the packets and send Graduate Studies a list of awardees indicating the student name, Banner ID number, amount awarded, along with the application materials. Graduate Studies cannot accept nominations directly from students OR graduate units. Graduate Studies will review the nomination packets, verify the financial need, and make the awards to all eligible recipients.

If you have questions about the School of Engineering process for the Graduate Student Success Scholarship, please contact Elsa Maria Castillo at elsac@unm.edu | scholarships@unm.edu | 505-277-5064