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From: Faculty Research Development Office
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Subject: Limited Competitions: 2022 Beckman Scholars Program

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The University of New Mexico has been invited to submit **one application for a 2022 Beckman Scholars Program Award**. The purpose of the Beckman Scholars Program is to help stimulate, encourage and support research activities by exceptionally talented, full-time undergraduate students. These research activities shall be centered in either *chemistry*, *biochemistry*, the *biological* and *medical sciences* or some interdisciplinary combination of these subjects.

The research activities performed by Beckman Scholars shall be conducted under the guidance of a full-time faculty member at the university receiving the award. Research activities must be performed part-time (10 hours per week) during one academic year, and full-time over two summers (ten 40-hour weeks each summer) immediately before and after the academic year research experience.

Students will be named as Beckman Scholars in the spring of their freshman through junior years. Once selected to be a Beckman Scholar, a student will retain the funding for 15 months as long as they continue to excel academically and their research shows satisfactory progress. The Beckman Scholars Program is a merit-based award and may fund up to six Scholars over a three-year award period. Complete details can be found in the attached Program Announcement.

Proposals are due to the sponsor on June 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to one proposal**. If you are interested, please send a statement of interest that includes the information below by **noon, Monday, March 15, 2021** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: Beckman – your name**.

The statement of interest should include:

- 1) your name and department
- 2) a brief description (350 words) of your proposed project idea, including:
 - the research activity students will pursue
 - how students will be recruited and selected
 - how the program will be managed

Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford (CFord@salud.unm.edu) or Cassandra Misenar (CMisenar@salud.unm.edu) for more information.