

UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting pre-proposals for the **2026 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program** limited competition. The Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program provides philanthropic support to extraordinary scholars and writers for high-caliber research in the humanities and social sciences. The Corporation anticipates that the work of the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program will explore the ways political polarization in the United States manifests itself in society and provide possible means to alleviate the problems. Studies of polarization in other countries will be welcomed providing they offer lessons that can be applied to the United States.

Sponsor: Carnegie Corporation of New York

Opportunity Title: 2026 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program

Sponsor Due Date(s): 11/7/2025; 3:00PM MT

Award: \$200,000

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: 2 nominations – one junior and one senior scholar

Additional Information:

- Open only to citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- Candidates must have a Ph.D., hold a terminal degree, or be a high-level professional working outside of academia
- UNM is a designated institution for the Carnegie Fellows Program. All candidates must be selected through UNM's internal review process; formal nominations will then be submitted by the University President.
- A senior scholar is defined as any holder of a tenured post and a junior scholar as any holder of an untenured post (this includes tenure-track)
- Candidates who have been nominated for the Fellows Program since the change of focus to polarization (i.e. who were nominated for the 2024 or 2025 Fellowships) may not be nominated again during the current three-year period
- Fellowship must begin between July and September 2026, with no deferrals allowed. Duration can be 12 or 24 months
- No indirect/overhead costs will be allowed or paid to the university. Fellows shall receive the entire grant for support of the research project

Solicitation: [2026 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program Information](#)

Limited Comp. Instructions: We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.

Limited Comp. STEP 1: Required SOI Due Date: **NOON on September 8, 2025** (for planning purposes)

Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on September 17, 2025**

STEP ONE: Please submit your ~100-word **statement of interest** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Note that SOIs will NOT be scored; we require them to assist us in forming a review committee.

STEP TWO: Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal, abbreviated budget, CV, and a signed letter of support from your Department Chair/ADR via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the pre-proposal

application, but you may work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

The 3-page pre-proposal narrative should describe the **proposed research**, including the **proposal's potential to address political polarization** in the United States. The narrative must also include a brief description of the **applicant's accomplishments, a projected work plan and approximate time frame**. The narrative should be accompanied by **a draft estimate budget, signed letter of support from your Department Chair/ADR, and a PI CV**.

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Originality and promise of the idea
- Quality of the proposal
- Promise to offer solutions to harmful polarization or to enhance social cohesion
- Record of the nominee
- Plans to communicate findings to a broad audience

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.