El Puente de Encuentros Fellowship Program
Call for Applications - 2019-20

El Puente de Encuentros is a certified nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring cultural awareness to New Mexico’s behavioral health needs and to take action to meet those needs. This fall our annual fellowship program will continue to focus on mentoring future behavioral/mental health professionals.

Our program will define for participating students what qualities are required for a profession in the field of Behavioral/Mental Health. Analytical tools will be provided to guide students in their academic experience, and/or their professional aspirations. Our program will also motivate students to pursue and understand how the field intersects with the social, cultural, economic and political forces that affect and/or facilitate a profession in Behavioral/Mental Health. To accomplish these goals, El Puente de Encuentros fellows will work on expanding their understanding of either an area of academic and professional interest or of a particular clinical direction they wish to explore. As part of the program, El Puente de Encuentros fellows will participate in mandatory group sessions in which assigned readings will be discussed, and ideas explored. When appropriate, fellows will engage with community organizations and businesses that will provide direct professional mentorship.

Our fellowship will consist of two semesters of instruction, including two monthly meetings with fellow students and professionals. In addition, fellows will research work/professional opportunities within the state of New Mexico.

For more information, please contact Lynn Haynes, LCSW at 505-238-9551 or by email: elpuentedeencuentros@gmail.com or Armando Bustamante at 505-277-5020 or by email at abustam1@unm.edu.

**Priority deadline for completed applications is:**
**May 31, 2019**
Scholarship

- Students who complete the program successfully will receive a $500 scholarship award.

With guidance and support the participants are expected to:

- Attend bi-weekly sessions
- Define a clear idea or area of interest
- Be independent and take initiative to complete personal project

Eligibility

Students must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for acceptance into the this program:

- You must be enrolled and able to participate in the program for Fall and Spring 2019-20
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Able to attend 2 hour Monthly meetings
- Be enrolled as a degree seeking junior, senior or graduate student

El Puente de Encuentros Application Checklist

We encourage you to put time and care in completing this application. Make sure that all information provides us with the best representation of your interest and goals.

All application materials MUST be complete in order to have your application reviewed.

These materials include:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- Resume
- Typed Personal Statement
  - 1-2 pages in length, double spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman

Please address the following in your personal statement letter:

- Briefly discuss your personal background: Include socio-economic background, community, and educational history
- Discuss your research interests, educational goals and career objectives
- What do you expect to gain and learn from your participation in this program?

- One Professional Letter of Recommendation (see page 6)

Submit your completed application packet to:

El Centro de la Raza
1153 Mesa Vista Hall, MSC06 3830
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131
Application Form

Name: ___________________________________ Phone: ________________

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Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________

Street  City,  State  Zip

Telephone# (___)____________  E-Mail Address: ___________________________

UNM ID # _________________________ Major: ________________________________

Expected Graduation Date: _____________________________

(Month/Year)

Class Level: ☐ Junior  ☐ Senior  ☐ Master  ☐ Doctoral

GPA: ______

Describe Your Race or Ethnic Identity: (Select all categories that apply)

☐ Asian  ☐ African American  ☐ Hispanic/Latino (a)  ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

☐ White  ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native  ☐ other: ______________________________

List the extracurricular activities, or courses you will be involved in the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020

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Briefly indicate your specific experience with the following:
(The answer to these will not affect your eligibility)

Research Methods related to your discipline:
  ● Have you had research methods in your program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  ● Library Research skills: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant's Signature           Date

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Letter of Recommendation Guidelines Form

*All letters must be signed and sealed in order to be accepted, or email directly to elcentro@unm.edu with the subject “El Puente de Encuentros Rec Letter 2019-20.”

Please submit your letter of recommendation with your application on May 31, 2019.

Letters of recommendation can be given to student applicants or submitted to:

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