



## **El Puente de Encuentros Fellowship Program Call for Applications - 2017-18**

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 first annual fellowship program will 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, the 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](mailto:elpuentedeencuentros@gmail.com) or Jorge Garcia at 505-277-5020 or by email at [mexicatl@unm.edu](mailto:mexicatl@unm.edu).

Priority deadline for completed applications is:

**July 28, 2017**

## 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 2017-18*
- 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?
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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI*

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**List the extracurricular activities, or courses you will be involved in the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018**

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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

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Applicant's Signature

Date

## Letter of Recommendation Guidelines Form

*Letters of recommendation must be written by a professional reference such as: faculty, staff or formal mentor that can answer the questions below. (Do not submit letters from high school teachers.) Please give this form to the individual writing your letter.*

Thank you for taking the time to nominate this student to be a part of the El Puente de Encuentros Fellowship Program. In an attached letter, please comment on the applicants':

1. Ability to work in a group environment
2. Ability to be self directed and to take personal initiative
3. Strengths and weaknesses

\*All letters must be signed and sealed in order to be accepted, or email directly to [elcentro@unm.edu](mailto:elcentro@unm.edu) with the subject "El Puente de Encuentros Rec Letter 2017-18."

Please submit your letter of recommendation no later than **July 28, 2017 by 5pm.**

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

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