



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Summa Academia: Innovation in Graduate Education **2017-2018**

EXTENDED DEADLINE: September 11, 2017 BY 12PM

OVERVIEW/GOAL:

Previously known as the *Latina/o Graduate and Professional Student Fellowship*, *Summa Academia* is a collaboration between El Centro de la Raza and various partners. In this cohesive program, seasoned Latina/o faculty members share their expertise with graduate students on how to navigate the complex systems of graduate education and planning for academic careers.

CRITERIA/ELEGIBILITY:

1. UNM graduate or professional students;
2. Applicants must demonstrate their ability and intention to timely complete all requirements of their degrees;
3. Applicant must demonstrate their determination and commitment to pursue further academic advancement/professional career development and maturity to commit time and personal effort to comply with fellowship faculty assignments, recruit effective guidance of a mentor in their field to oversee their work and maximize their use and benefits of the resources, knowledge and tools provided to them as part of the award; and
4. Applicants must demonstrate the relevance of their research/professional goals as these contribute to issues of advocacy, service, or scholarship pertaining to the advancement of Hispano, Latino people and communities, or other groups historically disenfranchised or otherwise marginalized.

AWARD TERMS & REQUIREMENTS:

Each participant will receive a \$750 stipend to attend a conference, interview, or other professional development related travel, upon completion of the following requirements:

1. Attend a preliminary session, September 15 from 3:00-4:00pm;
2. Attend all 6 Faculty sessions (October 20, November 17, February 2 & 23, March 23, April 27, from 2:00-4:00pm on UNM Main Campus);
3. Participate in at least two monthly workshops (at least 1 from El Centro);

4. Meet with a Mentor in their field, at least once each month;
5. Independent, consistent work (in collaboration/under the guidance of their Mentor) to produce and/or further refine the various documents essential to a comprehensive and successful academic/professional portfolio assigned by the Program Faculty Team;
6. Submission of Progress Reports each month attesting to their compliance with the bi-monthly workshops and mentor meeting requirements above;
7. Submission of Final Portfolio at the end of the semester including all documents assigned at each of the 6 faculty sessions

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

- **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:** Completed and signed application packet.
- **APPLICANT STATEMENT:** Brief description of no more than 300 words including:
 - Personal history as it relates to field of study.
 - The relevance of your research/professional goals as these contribute to issues of advocacy, service, or scholarship pertaining to the advancement of Hispano, Native American, or other communities historically disenfranchised or otherwise oppressed due to specific circumstances or needs.
 - If applicable, include any assessment of any specific ways in which your academic or professional goals will contribute to the increased diversity (equity and inclusion) within your field.
- **ABSTRACT:** Brief description of no more than 300 words addressing scholarly accomplishments—Research Projects, Fields of Inquiry, Professional Areas of Specialization.
- **ONE LETTER OF SUPPORT:**
 - Preferably from selected faculty mentor.
 - Addresses your ability to complete your degree, significance of your academic work/professional expertise and its relevance to the program's criteria.
 - Attests to your determination, commitment, maturity, and capability.
 - Letter must be signed and sealed or directly emailed to: yruiz5@unm.edu.
- **CURRENT CURRICULUM VITAE or RESUME:** Include all honors and awards received, all professional presentations and publications, previous funding, and any professional or community service.



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

UNM Student ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Department/Program: _____

Gender (optional): _____ Ethnicity/Race (optional): _____

Degree Seeking: PhD JD MBA MA/MS Other _____

Possible Research Topic(s):

1. _____

2. _____

Proposed Faculty Mentor - Name, Department, Email:

1. _____

I understand that being accepted commits me to **(1)** participating in Summa Academia **(2)** abiding by the terms & requirements set forth in this Call for Applications. The fellowship program agrees to award me \$750 to support my academic and professional development upon completion of requirements.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Application & Letter of Support should be submitted to:

El Centro de la Raza
ATTN: Yudith Yesenia Ruiz
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1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131

For questions or to submit your application electronically

contact: Yudith Yesenia Ruiz

Office: (505) 277-5020

Email: yruiz5@unm.edu