

RFP for Development of New Study-Abroad Programs, AY 2021-2022
Study Abroad Allocations Committee

The Associate Provost for Faculty Success requests proposals for small grants to support UNM faculty-led study-abroad programs for academic year 2020-2021. Proposals are due by 5:00 pm MDT on November 19, 2021, with funding decisions announced in December. Note that this time table is later than usual, reflecting expectations that COVID-19 will continue to impose constraints on study abroad programs until mid-2022.

Program eligibility

Applicants must hold primary appointments as voting faculty members on UNM Albuquerque Main Campus, Law School, or HSC. The applicant faculty member(s) proposing a new study abroad program must commit to assuming program leadership, and to serving as trip leader(s) during the study abroad experience. The applicants' academic units must assume responsibility for fiscal administration of the program or obtain agreement from another unit to provide those services. In such cases, the unit providing administration must co-sign the application. Preference will be given to new study-abroad components developed by faculty with limited previous experience leading study-abroad programs.

Eligible expenses

The primary purpose of funding is to encourage the development of new faculty-led study-abroad programs by enabling interested faculty to visit possible host sites, people, and institutions; develop course materials; plan program logistics; hire assistants to help with program development; and cover other reasonable and appropriate expenses. Costs directly related to course/program development are eligible, with expenses directly related to the study-abroad component preferable to other costs. Faculty salary and overhead, indirect, or administrative costs are not eligible for funding.

Grant proposals should not exceed \$4,000.

Proposal requirements: All proposals must include the following four components:

1. A cover sheet (use template) must provide:
 - a) Name, position/title, department, and email of applicant
 - b) Course number and course title (for established courses)
 - c) Course number, course title, and anticipated decision date of appropriate curriculum committee (for proposed new courses)
 - d) Proposed term, dates, and destination(s) for new study-abroad component
 - e) Anticipated enrollment for the course
 - f) Amount requested from SAAC
 - g) Total proposed budget
 - h) Statement that applicant has read, understands, and will adhere to [UNM Policy 2710](#)
 - i) Signature of applicant
 - j) Approval signature of chair, director, or dean of responsible academic unit

2. Proposal narrative, which must include specific information about the trip and the proposed study-abroad component: a) course number, title, and catalog description; b) number of credits for the course, with and without the proposed study-abroad component; c) relationship of proposed course to relevant degree program(s) (such as required course, elective course, optional course, part of multi-class sequence, etc.); d) learning objectives for proposed study-abroad course; e) information about how course will meet learning objectives (such as syllabus, course calendar, assignments, field experiences, etc.); and f) a brief statement of how the proposed study-abroad component enhances the course.

3. Additional information, which should address the following topics: a) Would the study-abroad component have any broader impacts at UNM or beyond?; b) What impact on course enrollment is anticipated if the study-abroad component is initiated?; c) What resources exist in the host country in terms of education, healthcare, and travel?; d) What are potential risks of visiting the proposed host communities?; e) What, if any, positive impacts might the study-abroad component have on the host communities?; f) What is the approximate cost of travel to, and lodging in, the host country? Does this vary seasonally?; g) What experience does the applicant have in the proposed host country?; and h) What obstacles are anticipated to establishing the proposed study abroad component?

4. Budget, which should identify and justify costs associated with developing the proposed study-abroad component (including travel and per diem expenses). The applicant must identify specific items that may be needed, such as travel to the proposed host country, and provide cost, source for cost, and justification for every item in the budget. Faculty salary and overhead, indirect, or administrative expenses are not allowable, and the requested budget must not exceed \$4,000. Information on allowable per diem rates is available in [UBPPM policy 4030](#). The budget must also identify any other sources of funding that will be available for course development (such as departmental funds).

Proposal evaluation Proposed programs will be funded on a competitive basis, with evaluation done by the Study Abroad Allocations Committee (SAAC), which is composed of faculty and staff and serves at the charge of the Associate Provost for Faculty Success. Proposal evaluation will continue until available funds have been exhausted. Funding decisions for AY 21-22 will be communicated to applicants in December.

Successful applicants must submit a final report to the SAAC no later than September 1, 2022 (see guidelines). The final report should summarize outcomes of the program development effort, including the status of the proposed program. Applicants will not be eligible for future SAAC funding until the final report has been received.

Proposal submission: Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Submit proposals to Dach Vann (saac@unm.edu) in the Provost's Office. For questions, contact the SAAC Chair Kristina Yu (khyu@unm.edu).