



The Weekly Communiqué

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Important Correction from Yesterday's Communiqué

The NEH Summer Stipend program included in the most recent communiqué has additional eligibility requirements for tenured and tenure-track faculty that limit UNM to two submissions. To be nominated by UNM (as required), faculty must submit a pre-proposal for an internal review by Aug. 14, 2019. Please contact the Faculty Research Development Office at frdo@unm.edu if you are interested in applying.

New LANL-UNM Collaborative Opportunity:

VPR Gabriel Lopez and I (along with our teams) have worked for a year and a half to produce a better structure for collaborative research with the national laboratories. An important step forward: Today, Los Alamos National Labs (LANL) deputy director John Sarrao and I signed a master agreement that will do just that. The Joint Appointment Program is modeled after similar programs at other facilities in the Department of Energy complex, and will allow collaboration on projects related to UNM and LANL programmatic interests by either: i) a LANL staff member (normally a scientist or engineer) wishing to work at UNM; or ii) a UNM faculty or research staff member (from Albuquerque, Los Alamos, or one of the other branches) wishing to work at LANL. The Joint Appointment Program will provide opportunities for LANL and UNM to attract, retain, and recognize premier scientists and engineers by offering them the ability to work in both the LANL and UNM environments. Furthermore, it will increase collaborative opportunities between LANL, UNM and their faculty and qualified students.

Through this effort, UNM and LANL strive to attract, retain, and recognize staff and faculty at all career levels with rising national stature and reputation, and to enhance our abilities to achieve our respective research and development missions. We also seek to provide a mechanism for LANL and UNM scientists or engineers to deepen collaborative opportunities and to execute specialized technical work that requires the skills and facilities of LANL and UNM. The program will make us more competitive in attracting talent that may be uniquely suited to the science, engineering, and mathematics research of our respective programs. Finally, it will leverage the strengths of both institutions to enhance the quality of science, technology, education, and industrial development in New Mexico and the nation.

Best to all, Rich Wood

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