

2007 UNM Legislative Priorities



2007 Legislative Priorities, Executive Summary

This document details the funding priorities of the University of New Mexico for the 2007 New Mexico Legislature. UNM faculty, staff and students acknowledge and greatly appreciate the work of legislators and their contribution to the success of higher education in New Mexico.

The University of New Mexico's 2007 legislative priorities are consistent with the four missions of the university: teaching, research, public service and patient care. During the 2007 legislative session, UNM will focus on students, economic and research development, capital infrastructure and services across the state.

We want to grow New Mexico's healthcare workforce by admitting and graduating more doctors, nurses and pharmacists. At the same time, an increase of \$11 million in the state's contribution for instruction and general support will solidify the financial condition of the UNM School of Medicine, allowing it to continue to offer a world-class medical education for New Mexicans.

We are requesting over \$100 million in state support for capital renewal, new capital construction and information technology for the UNM Albuquerque campus and for our branches in Gallup, Los Alamos, Taos and Valencia County. To continue to offer an excellent education we must provide our students with safe and modern facilities.

We want to grow the New Mexico economy through teaching and research. By developing a film and digital media academic and research program, UNM can ensure the film companies moving to or considering a move to New Mexico that there will be well-qualified graduates ready to work at their studios. Through growth and full implementation of the New Mexico Center for Isotopes in Medicine, UNM will insure that a vital partnership with the national laboratories will translate to better detection and treatment of cancer. This partnership can only happen in New Mexico through the synergy of the UNM College of Pharmacy, UNM Cancer Research and Treatment Center and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

UNM is an institution with a long and proud history of service to the state of New Mexico. We are focusing on several small projects requiring state support to assist UNM in fulfilling its public service mission - from educating and licensing substance abuse counselors to creating a State Centennial encyclopedia to community planning.

The University of New Mexico greatly appreciates the work of the New Mexico Legislature. We look forward to the lively debate and careful consideration of lawmakers as we work together for the people of New Mexico.



David W. Harris
Acting President

General Priorities

Priorities in Common with the Council of University Presidents

- **5% Compensation Increase, plus ERA Contribution**
- **Zero or Minimal Increase in Tuition Credit**
- **Implement Funding Formula Revisions**
- **Endowed Chairs Matching Funds**
- **Building Renewal and Replacement Funding**



Priority A: Educating New Mexico's Healthcare Workforce

- **BA/MD combined degree program - \$1,132,300 (year 3 of 8 funding)**

Personnel (Recurring): \$607,320

Expenses (Recurring): \$525,000

The program is designed to alleviate New Mexico's physician shortage by recruiting highly accomplished high school seniors from across the state who are interested in becoming physicians in New Mexico's medically underserved communities. Currently there are 25 students and 5 alternates in the first year of the program. This program will increase the number of medical school students admitted by 25 per year.

- **College of Nursing program expansion - \$2,250,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$2,092,500

Expenses (Recurring): \$157,500

Request for recurring funding for the College of Nursing so that the College will be able to continue admitting the number of students it currently admits in all programs.



Priority A: Educating New Mexico's Healthcare Workforce



- **Cooperative Pharmacy program - \$516,250**

Personnel (Recurring): \$316,250

Expenses (Recurring): \$200,000

UNM/NMSU cooperative program accomplishes the following goals:

- 1. Enhances accessibility of pharmacy education in southern New Mexico;*
- 2. Reduces shortage of pharmacists in southern New Mexico;*
- 3. Serves the pharmaceutical care needs of the underserved in southern New Mexico; and*
- 4. Increases diversity of the pharmacy profession in southern New Mexico.*

Priority B: Growing a Successful and Diverse Campus



- **Navajo Language program - \$277,886**

Personnel (Recurring): \$212,456

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$65,430

To permit the university to hire faculty to teach Navajo leading to an undergraduate major in Navajo Language; to work closely with Navajo educational institutions; to financially support Navajo students who are studying their language; and to obtain external funding for education and research projects leading to enhanced Navajo language revitalization.

- **Native American Studies program - \$285,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$285,000

To expand the capacity of the program to comprehensively serve the needs of New Mexico Native American students and communities through the development of exemplary undergraduate and graduate degree programs. To introduce students to the basic factors underlying the distinct differences between native societies and the larger American society (academic, research and the community).

- **Chicano, Hispano and Mexicano Studies program - \$254,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$254,000

The program offers a broad collection of courses and is interdisciplinary with a service outreach component. It aims to enable students to improve their Spanish language fluency and increase their knowledge of contemporary Hispanic cultures. In the next two years the program would like to develop a major.



Priority B: Growing a Successful and Diverse Campus

- **New Mexico International Education Initiative - \$379,875**

Personnel (Recurring): \$94,875

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$285,000

To coordinate, consolidate and expand UNM's efforts to foster an international experience for New Mexico students.

- **Mentoring Institute - \$198,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$151,800

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$47,000

To provide a centralized effort to recruit, develop and implement certified/qualified mentors from all levels of UNM.

- *Provide training to undergrads, graduate students, faculty and staff*
- *Create a network of mentorship programs to assist K-12, undergrads, graduate students, and faculty and staff.*
- *Standardization and professionalism of UNM Mentoring Programs in compliance with national certification programs.*

- **MAPS: Multiple Academic Pathways for Students - \$131,610**

Personnel (Recurring): \$93,610

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$38,000

To increase student engagement and achievement by making academic support services more accessible and available.



Priority C: Solidifying the financial stability of the School of Medicine and the University of New Mexico Hospitals

- **Instruction and General funding support at the School of Medicine - \$11.0 million** (recurring)
Personnel (Recurring): \$11,000,000

Funds would be used towards achieving the AAMC 50th percentile for SOM faculty salaries and hiring additional SOM faculty.

- **Out of County Indigent Fund - \$6.25 million**
Appropriation (Non-Recurring): \$6,250,000

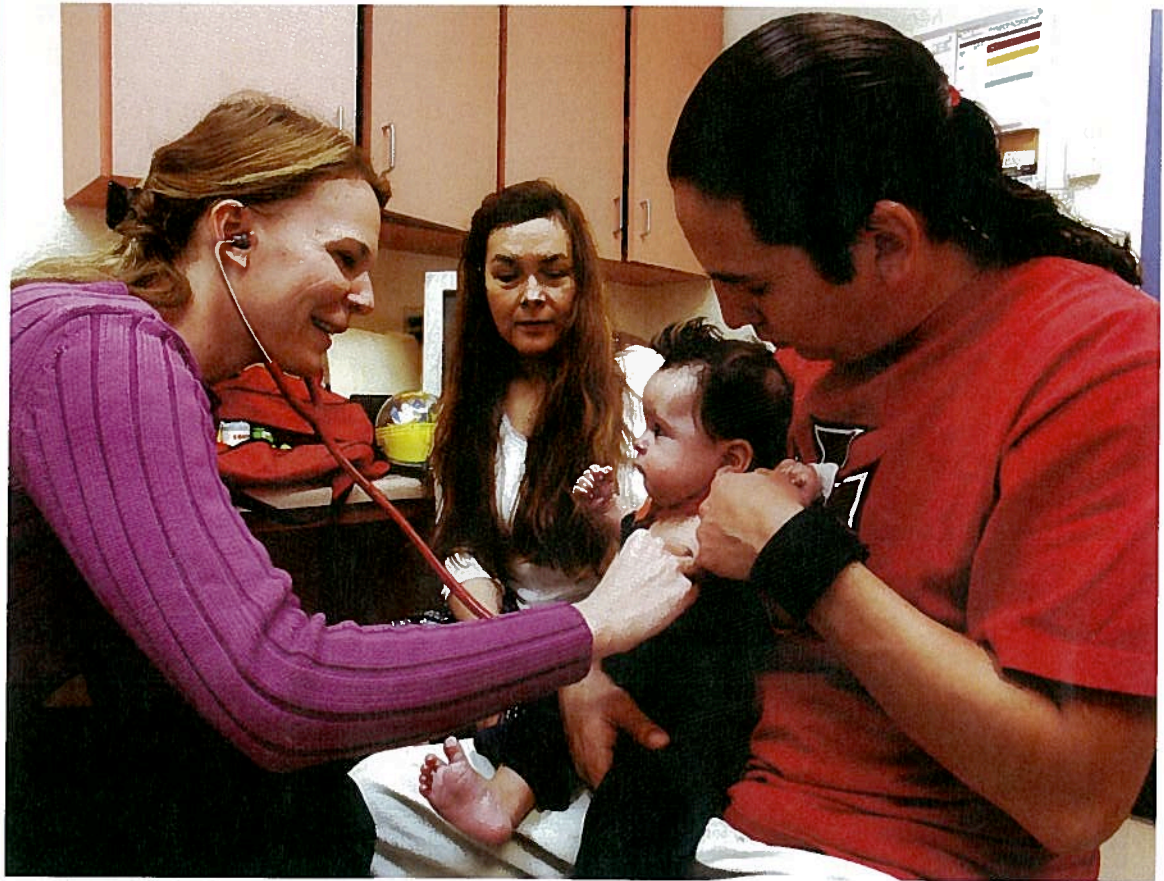
The University of New Mexico Hospitals (UNMH) are a state resource accessed by residents of every county in New Mexico. Many patients are the working poor who do not have insurance. The appropriation would defray a portion of the uncompensated care that UNMH provides to New Mexico residents who reside outside of Bernalillo County.

- **HSC Library Collections - \$750,000**
Expenses (Recurring): \$750,000

As the cost of collections and information technology increases, the HSC must respond to stay competitive nationally.



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- **UNM Young Children's Health Center - \$100,000**
Personnel (Recurring) \$100,000

The Young Children's Health Center provides holistic, caring and coordinated health care and social services to children and families in multi-ethnic and low-income neighborhoods in Southeast Albuquerque.

- **Pediatric Oncology - \$400,000**

Recurring state funding is required to continue needed services developed with legislative appropriations:

- "late effects" of disease and treatment clinic
- peripheral blood stem cell collection program
- Mariposa Program - palliative care and hospice

Priority D: Advancing New Mexico's Competitive Edge

- **Film and Digital Media program - \$4,755,900**

Personnel (Recurring): \$607,200

Expenses (non-Recurring): \$4,148,700

Builds on the Arts Research Technology and Science Laboratory (ARTS Lab), established at UNM with a \$3 million grant under Governor Richardson's Media Industries Strategic Plan (MISP) as a multidisciplinary media research and teaching education center. The mission is "to be the key educational, research, and economic development center for New Mexico's Media Industries Strategic Plan."

- **Center for Radio Isotopes - \$3,526,100**

Personnel and Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$3,526,100

To fund a national resource center to development of applications for unique, medically useful radioisotopes available from Los Alamos National Laboratory's Isotope Production Facility. The center will develop radiopharmaceutical procedures and formulation and will evaluate these novel radiopharmaceuticals in appropriate in vitro and in vivo model leading to clinical trials in patients for diagnostics and therapeutics.



Priority D: Advancing New Mexico's Competitive Edge

- **Biomedical Engineering – \$4,395,750**
Personnel (Recurring): \$682,500
Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$3,700,000

To assess and address the need for workforce development in biomedical technology in New Mexico. To establish sustainable education and workforce development programs in bioengineering in New Mexico.

- **Institute for Aerospace Engineering - \$923,600**
Personnel (Recurring): \$303,600
Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$620,000

To bring together technical expertise and capability from four UNM engineering departments to create a new interdisciplinary academic program at the undergraduate level. Focus areas are sensor networks, teleautonomous vehicles, aerospace guidance and control and materials engineering.



Heather Canavan, assistant professor of chemical and nuclear engineering, instructs a student at Longfellow School in Albuquerque about how to make a model of movable finger. The lesson was part of school outreach program provided by the UNM School of Engineering and funded through the National Science Foundation.

Priority E: Building and Renewing a Student Centered Campus Major Capital Projects

Institution - Wide

Life Safety Code Compliance	\$5,300,000
ADA Compliance (Recurring)	\$600,000
General Fund (Non-Recurring)	
Deferred Maintenance Upgrades	\$10,000,000
Patient Care Equipment	\$10,000,000
	Subtotal \$25,900,000

Main Campus Academic

Native American Center - Phase I	\$5,000,000
Renovation & Expansion Of Existing Biology Buidling - Phase II	\$5,800,000
College Of Education Renewal - Phase II	\$8,500,000
Student Success & Health Center - Phase I Of III	\$2,000,000
University Libraries Compact Shelving	\$500,000
Tamarind Institute	\$1,000,000
	Subtotal \$22,800,000

Health Sciences Center

CRTC - Phase II	\$22,000,000
Education Building - Phase III	\$5,000,000
Neurosciences Research Building	\$6,000,000
	Subtotal \$33,000,000

Auxiliary / Other

Hodgin Hall Alumni Center	\$1,000,000
KUNM Radio Station In Española Valley	\$1,019,000
Harwood Museum Expansion and Auditorium	\$1,200,000
Sevilleta Research Facility	\$700,000
Math and Science Academy at UNM	\$1,300,000
	Subtotal \$5,219,000

Athletics

UNM Arena Improvements - Phase II	\$9,000,000
Softball Field (Title IX improvements)	\$1,000,000
Men's & Women's Soccer Locker Room - Phase II	\$1,000,000
Golf Course Club House Improvements	\$1,000,000
	Subtotal \$12,000,000



Priority E: Building and Renewing a Student Centered Campus Branch Campuses

Branch Campuses

Gallup:

Technology Center & Classroom Building \$2,000,000

Taos:

Campus Infrastructure \$6,000,000

Career Tech Facilities \$1,050,000

Center for Early Care, Education & Family Support \$750,000

Valencia:

Campus Renewal and Security Improvements \$1,325,000

Community Education Resource Center \$2,475,000

Subtotal \$12,550,000

TOTAL \$111,469,000

Information Technology Projects

• Wireless Campus Project – \$430,000

Expenses (Non-Recurring) \$430,000

Expanding the current wireless network provides faculty and students anywhere, anytime access to administrative and academic resources. Students will find more opportunities to collaborate spontaneously on class-related activities and access resources such as the Library, Internet, and WebCT. With a wireless network, users can send/receive mail, share files, download assignments, create web based study groups, expand where learning can happen and access the Internet.

• Hosting Services Facility – \$670,000

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$670,000

IT costs need to be managed, and expensive but redundant human and technical resources reduced in order to ensure that internal funding is available for important strategic new IT initiatives. Providing central hosting services is an approach that can help in this direction.

• National LambdaRail Membership - \$1,000,000

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$1,000,000

National Lambda Rail (NLR) is a very high speed communication backbone that connects regional networks across the United States and the world. The technology of Lambdas or light waves allows NLR to provide bandwidth necessary to connect high speed networks or multiple direct 10Gig connection between various sites across the country. Because NLR is a very high speed network backbone, only a certain number of on ramps can exist, just like an interstate freeway. The connection path between El Paso and Denver running through Albuquerque opens New Mexico's on ramp.



Priority F: UNM in the Community Across the State

- **Sustainability Studies Program - \$307,582**

Personnel (Recurring): \$281,929

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$25,653

The Sustainability Studies Program (SSP) will establish an interdisciplinary minor degree structured through experiential learning, research and development, service activities and community collaborations. Fostering new research in technology, culture and economy, the SSP will equip students to provide skilled leadership to complement their respective majors. The program will encourage students to engage a systems thinking approach to interlink social justice, the environment, economic well-being and technological development.

- **New Mexico Geographical Alliance - \$500,000**

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$500,000

The request for \$500,000 will be matched by National Geographic to establish an endowment for geographic education in New Mexico. The endowment will provide continuing funding for the New Mexico Geographic Alliance (NMGA). NMGA links professional geographers at colleges and universities with K-12 teachers throughout New Mexico. The goal is to improve geography education at the K-12 level.

- **Road to Statehood: New Mexico Statehood Centennial - \$315,725**

Personnel (Recurring): \$208,725

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$107,000

To provide internet access to a variety of important NM primary resources intended for use by students and teachers at all academic levels, the citizens of NM and anyone world wide who may have an interest in learning more about New Mexico's history and culture. Comprised of six proposals.

- **Office of the Medical Investigator - \$655,460**

Personnel and Expenses (Recurring): \$655,460

Over the past five years the forensic examination caseload has increased by 20.7%, simultaneously changes in law enforcement compliance and litigation have placed pressure on OMI pathologists to spend more time on each case. Additional staff is needed in order to address the current workload.

- **Institute of Public Health - \$500,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$387,723

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$112,277

Funding will be used to:

- expand support for Environmental Health and Epidemiology
- develop a regional masters in public health program
- core support for public health outreach education
- core support for the development and operation of the public health certificate

- **Resource Center for Raza Planning - \$220,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$220,000

To support UNM's retention and graduation initiatives set for Hispanic students by providing academic and cultural support via mentoring/tutoring programs, academics, opportunities for leadership, internship and co-op employment.

Priority F: UNM in the Community Across the State

- **LADAC Internship Initiative - \$54,975**

Personnel (Recurring): \$53,275

Expenses (Non-Recurring): \$1,700

To fund a half-time lecturer to coordinate the practicum component of the BA program offered in psychology for licensed alcohol and drug counselors.

- **New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center - \$203,000**

Personnel (Recurring): \$203,000

The cost of providing 24/7 poison center services have escalated over the past several years, primarily the costs of pharmacists, technicians, and long distance phone charges. In order to continue to provide the 24/7 services New Mexicans rely upon, the NMPDIC requires additional funding.

- **Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center - \$240,000**

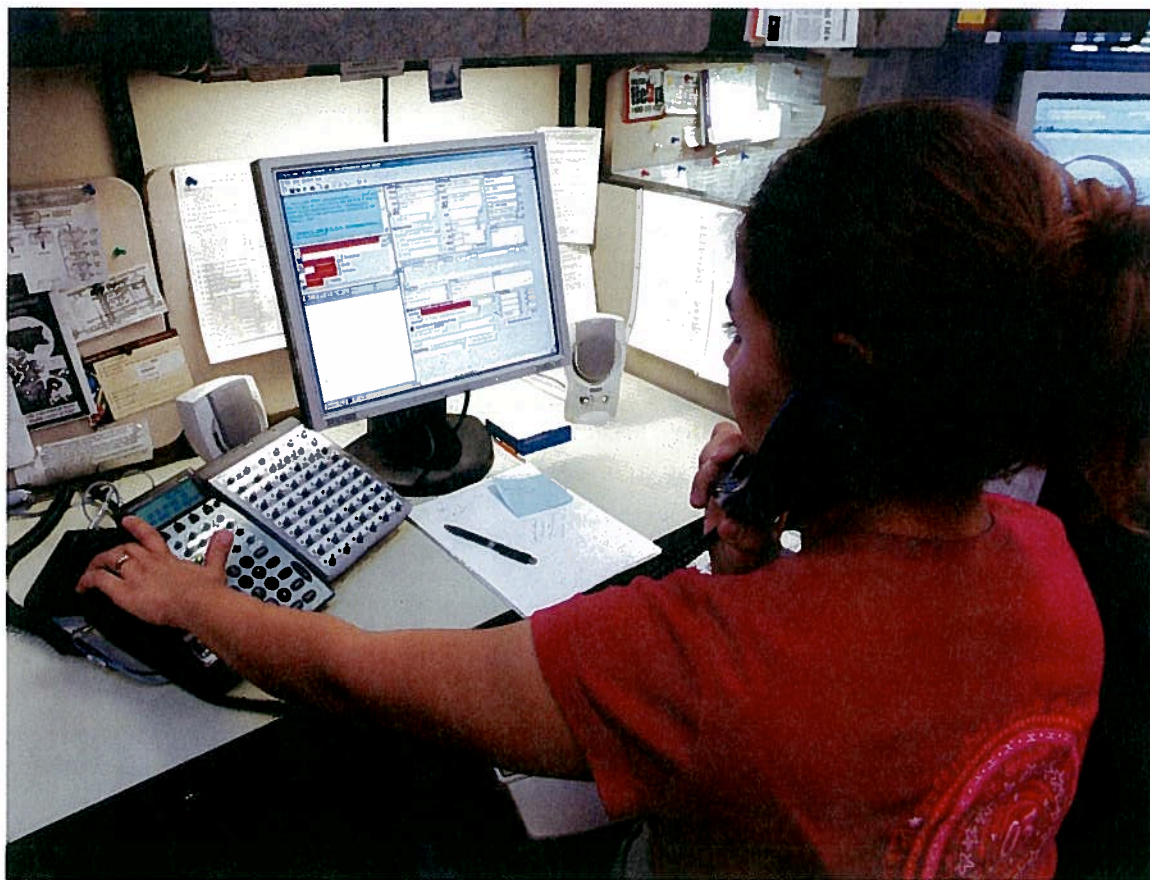
Personnel (Recurring): \$240,000

To provide training, education, technical assistance, research assistance and information services to the legal professionals or other professionals and volunteers who work in the abuse/neglect and juvenile justice legal systems.

- **Utton Center UNM Water Consortium - \$300,000**

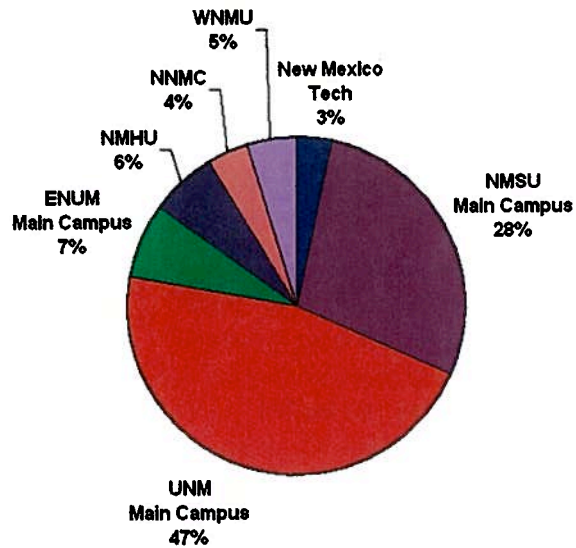
Personnel (Recurring): \$300,000

UNM is a leader in the debate over water, a central and scarce New Mexico resource. UNM will take strategic steps in research and education to help stakeholders find solutions at all levels.

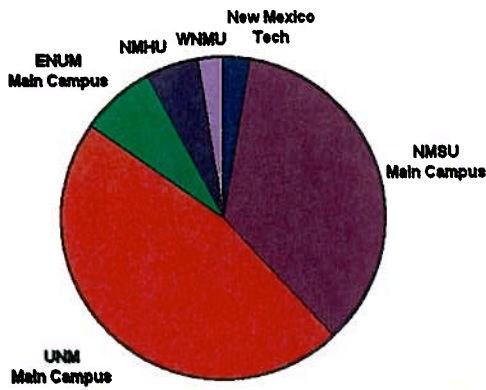


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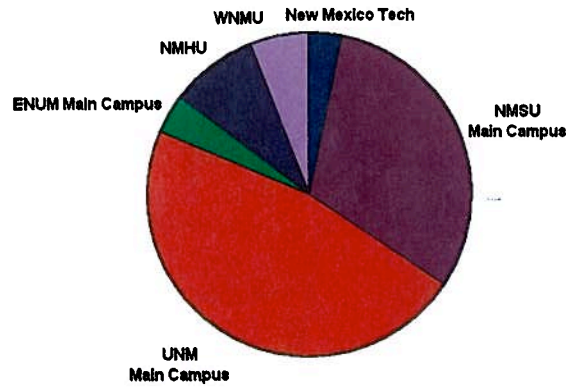
Total Enrollment at New Mexico Public Universities



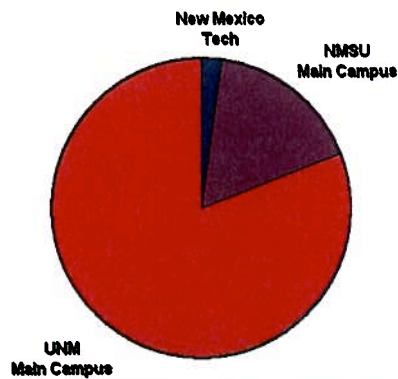
Total Bachelors Degrees by New Mexico Universities



Total Master Degrees by New Mexico Universities

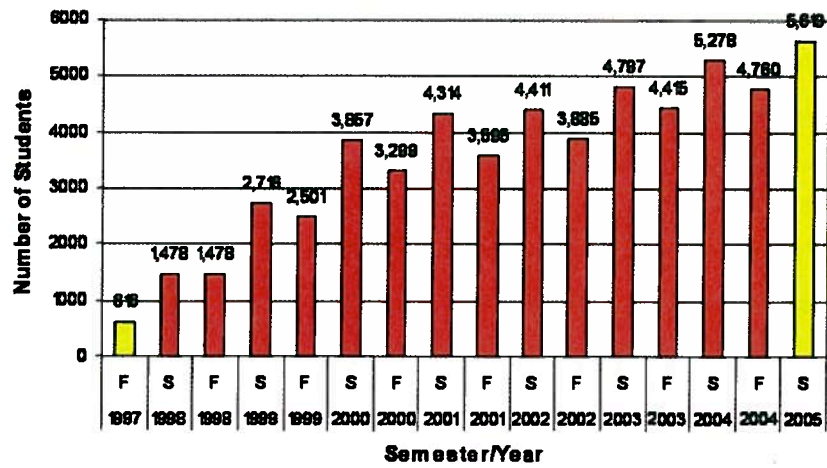


**Total Doctoral & First-Professional Degrees
by New Mexico Universities**

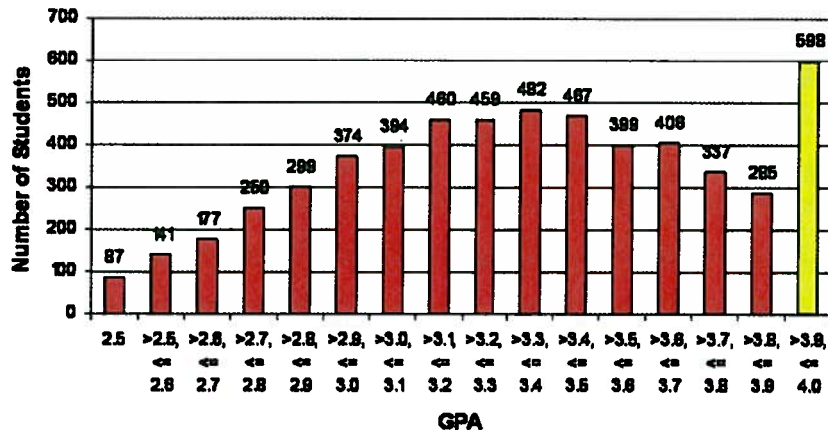


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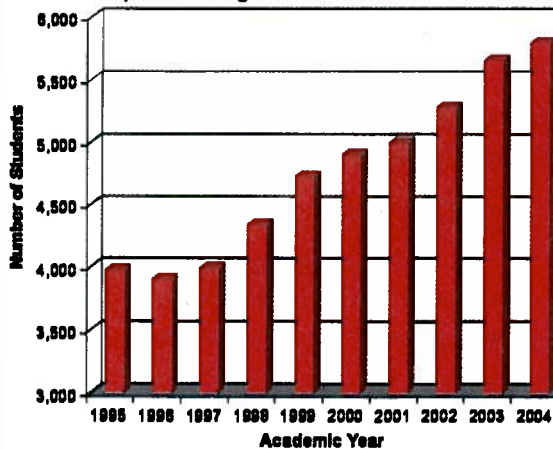
UNM Lottery Scholarship Students by Semester



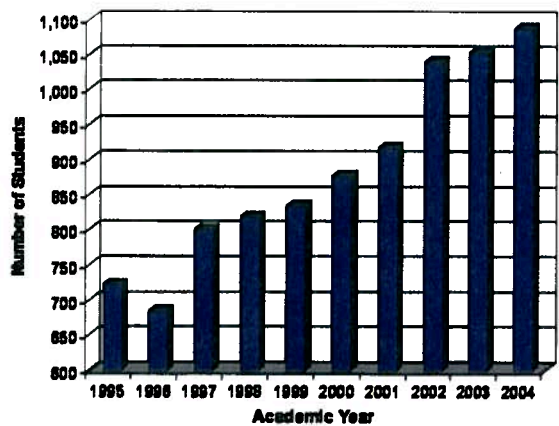
As of December 2005, UNM Lottery Scholarship Student Cumulative GPA



Hispanic Undergraduate Students at UNM



Native American Undergraduates at UNM



Facts about the University of New Mexico

UNM enrolls half of **New Mexico's graduate students** and 46% of its **four-year undergraduates**.

UNM awards 80% of New Mexico's **graduate** and **first-professional degrees**.

70% of UNM's entering NM freshmen receive the **lottery scholarship**.

Of the UNM students who have the lottery scholarship for 7 - 8 semesters, **94.5% graduate**.

At 41%, UNM has the highest percentage of **Hispanic** and **Native American students** of any flagship university in the country.

UNM is the state's only "**Very High Research University**" as classified by the Carnegie Foundation.

UNM's **minority student body** is 10% larger than any other Carnegie "Very High Research University" in the country.

UNM's new **contracts and grants** for FY 2006 totaled \$295.4 million.

Commercialized UNM research represents more than a \$37 million **impact on the state**.

UNM Hospital has approximately 700,000 **patient visits** annually on the main hospital campus and at several community sites.

UNMH's **emergency room** has 73,000 visits annually (200 daily).

Over 750,000 New Mexicans have a family member treated by **faculty physicians**.

791 licensed doctors who were taught at the UNM School of Medicine **practice in New Mexico**.

UNM's College of Pharmacy has graduated more than 60 percent of the **pharmacists in New Mexico**.

The UNM College of Nursing is a recognized national leader in **distance education for nurses**, allowing residents of rural New Mexico to earn degrees while remaining in their home communities.

UNM's Cancer Center was awarded a prestigious **National Cancer Institute designation** in 2005.

The July 2006 U.S. News and World Report recognized UNMH and the UNM Cancer Center as **one of the nation's 50 best cancer hospitals**.

With more than two million volumes, University Libraries rank in the top half of the Association of Research Libraries and are the **only libraries in the state** included in that ranking.

Popejoy Hall performances entertained more than **207,000 patrons** during the 2005-2006 season.

Nearly **700,000 fans** viewed UNM athletic events.

UNM's Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing schools combine to operate **92 education sites** throughout New Mexico.

College of Education summer Math and Science Teacher academies have provided professional development for **750 NM public school teachers**, representing nearly 15,000 students outside Bernalillo County.

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