

# FY27

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## UNM FY27 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



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# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO®

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## • Improve Health Care Access and Health Outcomes Statewide

- » Increase capacity at the School of Medicine to educate and train more medical doctors and allied health professionals
- » Integrate clinical care, research, prevention and public health approaches to reduce societal impacts of substance use disorder
- » Support improved recruitment and retention for health professionals in New Mexico’s rural and underserved areas
- » Support a flexible and adaptive health care delivery system that is protective of patient access and being responsive to changing conditions in the federal funding landscapes

## • Enhance Equitable Educational Access, Student Support Services and Campus Safety

- » Support I&G increase, UNM RPSPs, capital requests and other targeted appropriations, including improvements to campus safety, accessibility, cybersecurity, and building and equipment renewal/replacement
- » Sustain Opportunity Scholarship and Lottery Scholarship program state investments
- » Provide advocacy support to ASUNM and GPSA regarding expanded educational access, student success and well-being, and new capital requests
- » Modernize Lobo Athletics facilities and increase program support for student-athlete success
- » Advance UNM facilities improvements that create student-centered educational environments, attract new learners and top-tier faculty, and promote new operational efficiencies

## • Develop a Well Educated, Homegrown Workforce and Contribute to a Diversified Economy

- » Support growth in emerging science areas such as quantum information science, artificial intelligence, advanced energy, public health and the biosciences
- » Bolster STEAM-H education, expand research and tech development, create synergy with the national labs, spawn new business development, promote the arts economy and embrace cultural heritage preservation
- » Support improved math and literacy outcomes in the preK-12 education system
- » Strengthen educational pathways that interconnect New Mexico’s preK-12 education system, UNM branch campuses, UNM’s Albuquerque Campus and rural and underserved populations

## • Improve New Mexico’s National Competitiveness and Resident Quality of Life

- » Fully fund a compensation increase for all employees and provide flexibility in the administration of compensation increases to address inequities
- » Strengthen other recruitment and retention incentives for faculty, staff and graduate learners
- » Support public broadcasting
- » Partner with the public and private sector to effectively navigate changes to the federal funding landscape and fully leverage New Mexico’s economic potential

# SELECT CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

### CENTRAL CAMPUS

School of Law Renovation .....	\$15,500,000
University Stadium Facility Improvements .....	\$50,000,000
Softball Improvement Phase 3 .....	\$5,000,000
Technology & Video Board Replacement & Improvements .....	\$2,500,000
Data Center - CNM Improvements .....	\$5,500,000
Utility Service Geo-Exchange .....	\$8,000,000
STEM Facilities Strategic Planning Study .....	\$300,000

### HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

School of Medicine Education Building & Enabling Projects .....	\$600,000,000
North Campus Targeted Demolition .....	\$2,500,000

### GALLUP CAMPUS

Calvin Hall North Wing Renovation .....	\$3,000,000
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### LOS ALAMOS CAMPUS

Student Services & Success Center Renovation .....	\$3,150,000
Open Space Upgrade Phase 2 .....	\$1,250,000

### TAOS CAMPUS

Armory Renovation .....	\$5,950,000
Pueblo Hall Renovation .....	\$2,500,980

### VALENCIA CAMPUS

Automotive & Welding Technology Program .....	\$3,750,000
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## School of Medicine

To address the state’s growing health care needs, UNM proposes to construct a new School of Medicine building. The new building will equip the UNM Health Sciences Center to train new generations of physicians and other health care professionals to provide the best and most cutting-edge care for all of New Mexico. Last year, the state invested \$30 million to plan and design the new facility. This year’s \$600 million request will allow UNM to build our state’s health care workforce in state-of-the-art spaces for training, learning, and research.



## University Stadium

Through a thoughtful, phased improvement plan, UNM seeks funding to create a “Stadium of the Future”; one that resolves code and accessibility challenges, enhances community and economic impact, and strengthens the University’s position in the competitive landscape of collegiate athletics. With strategic investment, University Stadium can continue to serve as a central gathering place for all of New Mexico, while building upon the legacy of all student-athletes, coaches, and fans that have called University Stadium home.

# RESEARCH & PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

## New Requests

Quantum New Mexico .....	\$2,930,000
Accelerating Resilience Innovations in Drylands Institute (ARID) .....	\$1,937,000
Achieving Persistence to Degree .....	\$931,300
UNM-Gallup Law Enforcement Academy .....	\$400,000
UNM-Gallup Community Health Worker Program ..	\$106,300
UNM HSC Behavioral Health Technical Assistance Center .....	\$1,800,000
UNM HSC Office of Substance Use Disorders .....	\$4,250,000
UNM HSC College of Population Health .....	\$2,500,000

## Expansion Requests

Teacher Education Programs at UNM Branch Campuses .....	\$293,400
Utton Transboundary Resources Center .....	\$898,600
UNM Press .....	\$682,500
UNM-Taos Nurse Expansion .....	\$1,017,200
UNM HSC Office of the Medical Investigator .....	\$16,084,700
UNM HSC ENLACE .....	\$3,000,000
UNM HSC Cancer Center .....	\$10,761,400

## Categorical Requests

Educational Television .....	\$1,825,000
Athletics .....	\$13,098,500



## Substance Use Disorders

To provide better access to evidence-based addiction treatment and improved outcomes for all New Mexicans, UNM is requesting \$4.25 million to expand statewide targeted substance-use-related activities already underway, by creating a Virtual Addiction Treatment Clinic. This investment will enhance access to clinical care and increase educational programs focused on clinical services, workforce development, and research.



## Quantum New Mexico Institute

As a nationally and internationally recognized leader for the quantum research, development, and deployment ecosystem, UNM's QNM Institute seeks to support the state's quantum economy by boosting research, education, and workforce capacity and expanding New Mexico's capabilities for technological innovation within the public and private sector.

# BRANCH CAMPUSES

THE UNM ALBUQUERQUE CAMPUS IS COMPLEMENTED BY FOUR UNIQUE BRANCHES ACROSS THE STATE.



## LOS ALAMOS CAMPUS

Severance tax bond (STB) and mill levy bond monies will be utilized at UNM-Los Alamos to upgrade our open spaces with new wayfinding, better lighting for safety and ADA compliant pathways. The project will also provide more outdoor seating, shade structures, and native plants to support local species and minimize water usage.



## TAOS CAMPUS

UNM-Taos is a leading provider of workforce training and a key driver of regional economic development, preparing northern New Mexico residents for high-demand careers and supporting strong local industries through programs that lead to family-supporting wages and long-term community growth.



## VALENCIA CAMPUS

GO Bond monies would allow UNM-Valencia to remodel an existing building at our Tomé campus to create a ONE STOP Student Enrollment and Service Center. This center will serve as the single stop that provides ALL critical functions to students and the community such as admissions, financial aid, advising, career counseling, and testing. This facility will serve as the primary gateway to the campus, providing comprehensive student services and cultivating a student-centered culture that enhances engagement and success.



## GALLUP CAMPUS

GO Bond monies will be dedicated to new renovations at UNM-Gallup to address increased demand for health pathways and improve learning, safety and energy efficiency in science classrooms and labs.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we enter this legislative session, I am reminded of the extraordinary partnership between The University of New Mexico and the people of our state. Together, we have built an institution that not only educates and discovers but also strengthens the very fabric of New Mexico's future.

In alignment with our strategic plan, UNM 2040: Opportunity Defined, we will continue to advance initiatives that directly address our state's most critical needs. At the forefront is our commitment to expanding New Mexico's healthcare workforce by building a new School of Medicine—a transformative investment that will increase access to care, strengthen health systems, and prepare the next generation of providers to serve every community.

We are also accelerating discovery and innovation through emerging technologies such as quantum computing, advanced energy, and artificial intelligence. These fields hold immense potential for economic growth, national competitiveness, and the creation of high-wage jobs for New Mexicans.

Equally urgent is our response to the substance use disorder crisis affecting families and communities across the state. Funding the UNM Office of Substance Use Disorders is essential to expanding prevention, treatment, and research capacity, and ensuring compassionate, evidence-based care will continue to be available for those who need it.

With my final legislative session as president approaching, I am proud of all we have accomplished and confident that the foundation we are laying will support UNM's success for years to come. With your support, we will keep defining opportunity for New Mexico.

**Garnett S. Stokes**  
President  
The University of New Mexico

# UNM 2040

OPPORTUNITY DEFINED



**GOAL ONE**  
Advance New Mexico



**GOAL TWO**  
Student Experience  
and Educational Innovation



**GOAL THREE**  
Inclusive Excellence



**GOAL FOUR**  
Sustainability



**GOAL FIVE**  
One University

## WE PRACTICE WHAT WE TEACH

1 MILLION+

UNM HEALTH PATIENT  
VISITS PER YEAR

(NOV 2024 - OCT 2025)



NEW MEXICO'S ONLY  
**ACADEMIC  
MEDICAL CENTER**



**LEVEL 1**

NEW MEXICO'S ONLY  
**LEVEL 1 TRAUMA  
CENTER**

## UNM BY THE NUMBERS

ACROSS ALL UNM CAMPUSES

**300+**   
**DEGREE & CERTIFICATE**  
PROGRAM OPTIONS AVAILABLE

**\$200+** MILLION  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS PAID IN 2024-2025

**\$60+** MILLION  
IN GRANTS PAID IN 2024-2025

**5,900+**   
**DEGREES & CERTIFICATES**  
AWARDED IN 2024-2025

  
**28,000+**  
**STUDENTS ENROLLED**  
IN FALL 2025