

IMPACT & OUTLOOK 2018 - 2019

Research Opportunity Program College Enrichment & Outreach Programs

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Who We Are

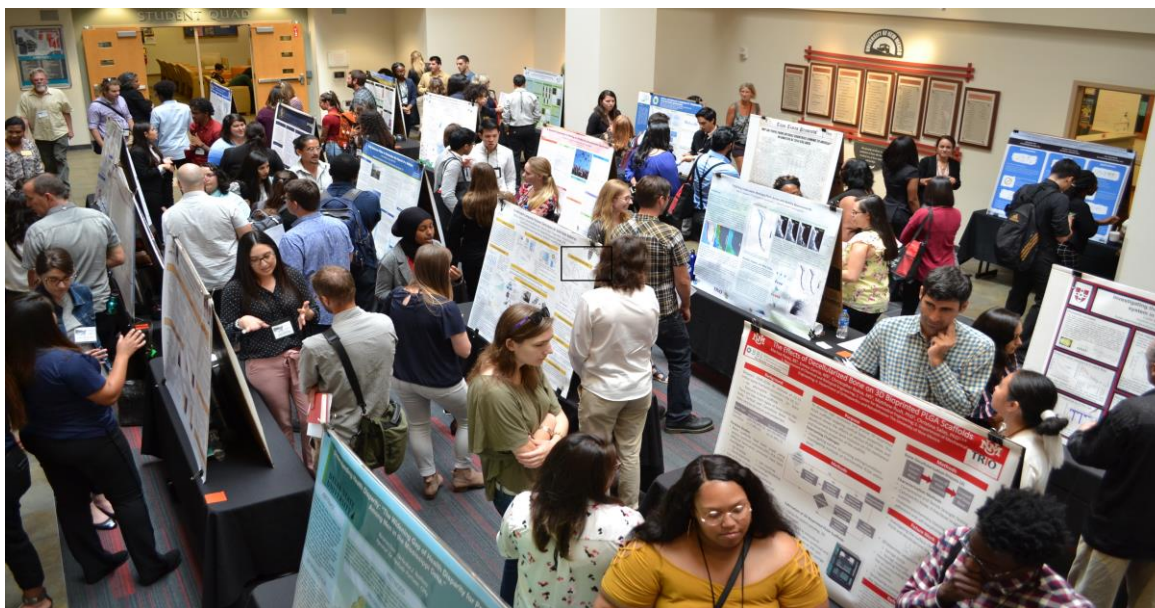
The Research Opportunity Program (ROP) prepares high achieving underrepresented undergraduate students for admission into graduate school to pursue master's and doctoral degrees. Participants prepare for graduate school by attending seminars, advisement and completion of a faculty-mentored research project. Benefits include free travel opportunities, a research stipend, graduate school application fee waivers and intensive support during the graduate school application process. ROP is funded by the NM State Legislature on an annual basis as part of the Research and Public Service Projects grants (RPSP).

Mission

To prepare underrepresented students from New Mexico for graduate school with the eventual goal of earning master's degrees and a Ph.D.s.

Vision

Create a community of scholars that inspire each other to the highest degree!



Impact on Students

Alumni of our program have earned graduate school degrees from dozens of universities nationwide and even overseas. Our participants gain access to high quality research training and academic and professional guidance that they would not otherwise have had. Students are taught the fundamentals of research and work under the mentorship of a faculty member to develop a project. They are also supported through the process of studying for the GRE, and applying to graduate programs. These opportunities are typically difficult for undergraduate students to participate in, particularly those from the targeted backgrounds. At the end of their undergraduate degrees, participants in the program are prepared for graduate education in research-intensive fields. Past participants have attended numerous prestigious universities (Yale, Harvard, UC-Berkeley, etc.), receiving full funding while pursuing their graduate degrees



Programs, Services, Sub-units and Initiatives

Because our students conduct and present research (among faculty) our programming is aimed at teaching our students professionalism, research skills, communication skills, critical thinking and collaboration. ROP served 6 in 2018-2019. Target Population: Underrepresented undergraduates past their sophomore year with at least a 3.0 GPA. 50% STEM Majors.

All 5 UNM5 skills were addressed through our programming

Fiscal Update, Revenues

Source	Amount
ROP Budget—NM State Legislature (Research and Public Service Project)	\$110,100

Goals for 2019-20

1. Recruit the proper number of underrepresented undergraduates with 3.0+ GPA and at least 60 earned credits. ½ of recruits should be STEM majors
2. Require students to complete a faculty mentored research project as part of the summer internship program
3. Require that student participants attend monthly seminars and one-on-one advisement
4. 60% of ROP bachelor's degree recipients will be accepted and enrolled in a post baccalaureate program of study by the fall term of the academic year immediately following the completion of the bachelor's degree
5. Host a national undergraduate research conference with McNair Scholars from across the country

Selected Impacts and Outcomes

- ROP hosted 237 participants from 45+ universities at our research conference on October 4-5, 2018.
- 100% of our participants conducted a faculty-mentored research project in the 2018-2019
- 100% of our scholars continued into subsequent semesters and will be applying to graduate school in Fall of 2019

Quick Facts

Below is a snapshot of the program's success from 1999 thru FY2019:

- 221 ROP Scholars Served
- 205 Bachelor's Degrees Earned
- 104 Master's Degrees Earned
- 30 Doctorates Earned
- 39 Currently Enrolled (ensuring more degrees as time passes)

Focus of Program is Graduate or Professional School with a preference for research based fields.



UNM President Stokes posing with our scholars in April 2018

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