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*Student Fee Review Board &
College Enrichment Program*

First-Year Research Experience (FYRE)

The mission of the University of New Mexico is to serve as New Mexico's flagship institution of higher learning through demonstrated and growing excellence in teaching, **research**, patient care and community service. At UNM, not only can knowledge be acquired, it is also **created!**

The First-Year Research Experience (FYRE) at the University of New Mexico offers **30 first-year students** the opportunity apply their learning beyond the classroom! This research experience will allow students to ask questions, check data, create new ideas and engage in their educational experience. Participants will be able to work closely with a faculty mentor to get real life questions answered and discover new information in **ANY** area that they are interested in. By participating in this high-impact practice, students will acquire improved critical thinking, communication, presentation and leadership skills, while engaging in a more thorough and comprehensive educational experience.

Eligibility

First-year students are eligible and encouraged to apply. FYRE is open to **30 students** in ALL majors and ALL educational backgrounds. There are a limited number of spaces available, primary consideration will be given to applications in the order that they are received. The deadline to submit an applications is **5:00 pm on Friday, September 18th, 2015.**

Previous research experience is helpful, but is not required.

Program Requirements

The First-Year Research Experience is a two semester commitment. Students who are selected to participate in FYRE agree to commit to the following:

Fall Semester

- Meet with a Peer Mentor / FYRE coordinator on a bi - weekly basis (begin mid-October)
- Learn basic research skills by attending monthly seminars and workshops
- Establish a research topic and identify a faculty mentor who will aid in your research
- Complete required progress reports

Spring Semester (Participants must complete 15 credit hours and earn a 3.0 GPA for Fall 2015)

- Meet with a peer mentor / FYRE coordinator on a bi - weekly basis (begin February)
- Conduct research under the guidance of a faculty mentor
- Complete required progress reports
- Share the results of your research during the 2016 Shared Knowledge Conference

Award Amount

Each participant will receive a \$350 scholarship/stipend paid in 2 installments after program requirements are met.



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All applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, September 18th, 2015. Please deliver application and attached sheets to the College Enrichment Program, 3rd Floor Mesa Vista Hall

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
First Last M.I.

Preferred Name, if different: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street or PO BOX Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Are you in your first-year at UNM? YES NO UNM Banner ID number (e.g 101XXXXXX) _____

The following information is for statistical reporting purposes. Your response is voluntary.

Gender: _____ Did you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino (a)? YES NO

Select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself

New Mexico Tribal Affiliation(s):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White

Are you a First-Generation student? (defined as a student who either of their parents or guardians did not graduate from a 4-year college or university) YES NO

Education

High School Attended: _____ City / State: _____

H.S. GPA : _____ ACT or SAT Score : _____ Did you take Dual Credit / IB / AP Courses? YES NO

Please list any extracurricular activities and/or previous research experience :



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Research Insight

**Attach your answers to a separate document.
Please limit your total response to approx. 500 words.**

Please list your intended major(s) and career goals

As a student, you've had to answer many questions. As a scholar, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions that advance your field of study (major) through the discovery of new knowledge. What are some topics you are interested in researching and why?

What motivates you to want to do research as a first-year student?

How will participating in the First-Year Research Experience (FYRE) program enhance your first year at UNM and, ultimately, your entire college experience?

References and Resume

Please list two references who can speak to your motivation and research potential.

Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Title: _____	Phone: _____
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Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

The First-Year Research Experience (FYRE) is made possible by the contributions of the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) and the College Enrichment Program (CEP). CEP provides program administration and funding is provided by student fees recommended by the SFRB.*

**100% of fees awarded to FYRE are returned to students in the form of employment and/or scholarship.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____