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To: Affiliated Faculty, Latin American and Iberian Institute

From: Bill Stanley, Director, LAII

Re: Interdisciplinary Project Development awards

The Latin American and Iberian Institute is pleased to announce the spring 2019 competition for Interdisciplinary Project Development (IPD) awards. This program, which began last year, is intended to assist UNM full time tenured or tenure-track faculty to develop interdisciplinary research and creative activities, including but not limited to preparation and submission of extra-mural funding proposals related to Latin American and Iberian area studies. This funding mechanism is open to any collaborative, interdisciplinary work related to the human societies, cultures, and languages of these two regions. This includes physical, biological, and health science proposals with an integral component relating to human societies. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate strong interdisciplinary aspects, generally involving inter-departmental or cross-disciplinary collaboration.

IPD awards will directly assist program development, supporting faculty travel, assistantships and travel for graduate student, and travel and honoraria costs to bring outside advisors and presenters to UNM. The program will not pay salary or supplemental compensation to faculty participants. Proposals will be considered at any stage, from concept and idea generation, to preparation of proposals for submission to external funding organizations, to complete research projects for which only modest additional funding is needed. For example, a group of UNM faculty could propose a workshop on a specific theme, inviting outside experts or collaborators on that topic to UNM; a group of faculty could employ a graduate student to assist in background research to develop an external research proposal; or a small number of faculty could travel to a proposed research site to pilot a larger study. These are just examples and do not exhaust the possibilities. All project proposals should entail an event at the end of the project, such as a talk or symposium, open to the UNM scholarly community.

Proposals will be evaluated according to clarity and quality, the breadth and depth of interdisciplinarity, clarity of the budget and budget explanation, the past research or creative accomplishments of the team (adjusted for seniority), the importance of the requested funding for carrying forward the proposed work, the probability of securing external funding (where appropriate to the type of project), and the potential broader impact of the proposal. In examining external funding potential, the committee will not emphasize the quantity of external funding potential, to avoid potential bias against humanities projects.

Grants will range up to \$5000 per project, though smaller awards are likely depending upon demand and available resources.

For AY 2018-2019, we will hold one round of review for IPD awards, with first stage proposals due March 18, 2019. Applications should be six to eight pages in length single-spaced, plus a bibliography and the CVs of faculty applicants. The awards committee will consist of the director and associate director of the LAII, and the LAII Executive Committee or its designees. Awardees will be expected to report on activities and expenditures; administrative and reporting requirements will be specified in award letters.

Application forms and instructions are available at:

<http://lail.unm.edu/funding/faculty-interdisciplinary-project-development.html>.