



LAI Field Research Award for Undergraduate Students

Deadlines: November 18, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. (for travel between December 2026 and January 2027)
March 24, 2027 by 11:59 p.m. (for travel between May and August 2027)

The Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI) Field Research Award for Undergraduate Students provides \$1,000 to students working with a UNM faculty member on a project involving fieldwork in Latin America and/or Iberia. **Preference will be given to students participating in the Arts & Sciences Support for Undergraduate Research Experience (ASSURE) program, but all students are encouraged to apply.**

In addition to the \$1,000 award provided by the US/Department of Education, students may be eligible to receive additional funds from UNM's Global Education Office (GEO).

To apply, students must complete the online application form and request a letter of recommendation from their faculty mentor addressing their qualifications to carry out the proposed field research. The letter must be submitted directly by the faculty mentor to the LAI at laiibusiness@unm.edu.

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Upon completion of their fieldwork, students will be required to submit a one-page report on their experience, accompanied by photographs. They will also be encouraged to share their work through the **UNM Undergraduate Research, Arts & Design Network (URAD)** and present it at the **Undergraduate Research Opportunity Conference (UROC)**.

For questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Lenny A. Ureña Valerio, LAI Associate Director for Program Development, at lurena@unm.edu.

Please note that, in accordance with UNM Policy 2710: Education Abroad Health and Safety, faculty mentors must register the trip through GEO as a faculty-led program for students to be eligible for funding. For more information, please contact GEO Program Coordinator Sara Gutierrez at sagutierrez@unm.edu or visit <https://studyabroad.unm.edu/faculty-advisors/develop-an-education-abroad-program.html>. Students are encouraged to work with their faculty mentors as early as possible to complete this process and avoid delays in receiving their awards.



To Apply:
<https://bit.ly/4sfNQEN>