

Community Faculty Scholars Program

Program begins July 1st, 2026

THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A virtual professional development opportunity facilitating the advancement of careers for under-represented minority community faculty who train UNM Health Sciences learners in under-resourced communities.

- Participate in a 12-month virtual community of practice that supports collaborative career development as educator and community leader.
- Connect with evidence-based resources and best-practices in community-based education and training, cross-cultural communication, mentorship, development, networking and leadership.



ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Underrepresented minority (URM) Community Faculty in good standing with the UNM Health Sciences (School of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, and College of Population Health), who work with UNM Health Sciences undergraduate or health professions learners.
- URM as defined by the NM COE grant includes Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx/Latine, and Native American or Alaskan Native.
- Will commit to attending weekly ECHO sessions, to develop their own personalized community scholars track which will include developing leadership, mentoring, networking and research skills, and who will become a member of a community of practice with Community Scholars.

*Scholars will be given 5% FTE protected time to participate in program-related activities



APPLY TO THE PROGRAM

Applications must be submitted by **May 29, 2026** and the selection process will be completed by **June 25, 2026**. To apply please submit:

- 1. Current curriculum vitae**
- 2. A cover letter, up to two pages, addressing the following questions:**
 - What obstacles in your professional career are you encountering that you hope this program can help you address?
 - What educator knowledge and skills do you hope to gain?
 - What knowledge and skills do you need to recruit UNM learners to serve as community practitioners?
 - What is your experience and/or interest related to participating in community faculty development in your region?
 - What knowledge and skills do you need to be effective mentee and mentor?
 - What obstacles do you foresee in connecting your community with UNM resources?
- 3. An email of support from your employer that addresses commitment to a 5% FTE protection for one year.**

Zoom Open House for Program Information

April 14: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
April 21: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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