




# CrimsonOpps for Mon., Jan. 27, 2025

*This week: sign up for URCAS, plan for summer, opportunity to do research on immigration and border communities, biweekly SACNAS schedule, see the stars, and more!*

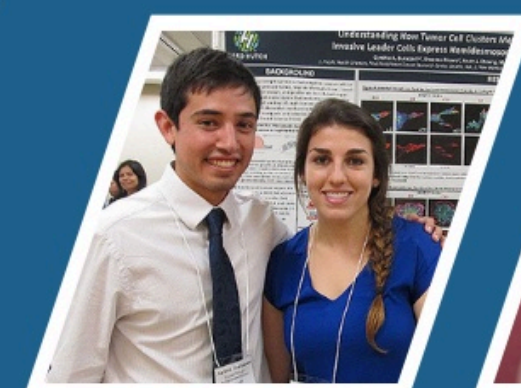
- Sign up for the 30th annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium (URCAS) on April 25
- Last day to submit work for *The Agora* 2025
- Plan ahead: Summer Research Guide 
  - NMSU-UTEP REU on Border Communities
  - Kansas University REU on Community Disaster Resilience
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) meets this Wednesday
- Special Tombaugh Observatory open house and talk
- Reminders of upcoming deadlines for Research Programs

## URCAS 2025

### 30th Annual NMSU Undergraduate Research & Creative Arts Symposium

**Friday, April 25, 2025, in Corbett Center**

Share your research and creative projects with a friendly audience.  
Prizes offered in several categories!



Poster Session  
10:30-12



Talks, Readings,  
Performances



Register to present by  
**April 1, 2025**



# **PRESENT AT THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ARTS SYMPOSIUM ON 4/25**

**Sign up with your abstract by Tues., April 1**

Registration is now open for URCAS 2025, NMSU's 30th annual celebration of undergraduate research and creative activity! Share your work with a friendly audience, meet interesting people, and discover something new. URCAS is a fun way to get your work out there! This year's URCAS is part of NMSU Research and Creativity Week.

All undergraduate work is welcome:

- research posters and talks
- course projects
- findings from an internship
- performances
- readings
- screenings
- and more!



Present a research poster, give a short talk, or perform! For more information and to sign up, go to the URCAS website, [honors.nmsu.edu/curca1/urcas/home.html](https://honors.nmsu.edu/curca1/urcas/home.html)

## **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT WORK TO THE AGORA 2025**



The logo for "The AGORA" features a stylized classical column capital above the word "The" in a script font, and "AGORA" in large, bold, serif capital letters below it. Two smaller column capitals are positioned on either side of the word "AGORA".

Is now accepting submissions!

THE AGORA IS LOOKING FOR:

- Research papers/projects (6-16 pages)
- Creative pieces with an artist's statement
- Major or final projects completed in an NMSU course.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS  
**JANUARY 26, 2025**

Scan for our guidelines!

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the submission guidelines for The AGORA.

A black and white photograph of a classical statue of a woman, possibly a personification of Truth or Justice, wearing a draped garment and holding a cloth in her left hand. The statue is set against a solid orange background.





# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Summer is a great time to work full-time on a project, apply your knowledge and skills, and experience the life of a scholar in your field. Researching, interning, and participating in creative projects can help you decide what kinds of work you would like to do in the future.

Talk to your faculty now about opportunities in your discipline and whether they might be able to mentor you on a research project (or connect you with a mentor elsewhere). They may know about programs here or elsewhere that will pay your expenses. Whether you are applying to a summer program or seeking a faculty mentor for your independent project, *now is the time* to plan for summer.



Tips for getting started:

- Let faculty know you are interested in a summer project or position. Ask your faculty whether they can mentor you or help you find a mentor.
- Ask faculty if they might review drafts of your application, proposal, and/or research questions.
- Narrow down your research questions. Many proposals are denied because they are too ambitious—better suited to a PhD dissertation than a summer project.
- Apply for as many opportunities as you can to increase your chances of success.
- Browse opportunities listed on the [CURCA website Summer Opps page!](#)



Some terms to look for:

NSF-REU: Research Experience for Undergraduates (funded by National Science Foundation)  
SRP: Summer Research Program  
SROP: Summer Research Opportunities Program  
SURF: Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship  
SR-EIP: Summer Research Early Identification Program  
SRI: Summer Research Initiative  
SPUR: Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research

**Check out this NSF-REU at NMSU!**





# **IMMIGRATION & BORDER COMMUNITIES NSF-REU**



**Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 15, 2025**



The NSF– Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) on Immigration Policy and US–Mexico Border Communities seeks applicants for its 10-week summer program with community partners on the nature and impacts of US immigration policy in the Paso del Norte borderlands region of Las Cruces–El Paso–Ciudad Juárez. Last year’s participants partnered with Border–Servant Corps, a humanitarian organization providing temporary shelter for migrants on the U.S./Mexico border, as well as with the Kiki Romero Municipal Shelter for Migrants in Ciudad Juárez, to conduct personal interviews with migrants from Central and South America. The program also includes cohort activities, lectures and trainings, faculty mentorship, and opportunities to present research. See this [news article](#) for an overview of the program.

Apply on the website at <https://borderreu.nmsu.edu>. For more information, contact Dr. Neil Harvey at [nharvey@nmsu.edu](mailto:nharvey@nmsu.edu).

## **U KANSAS REU ON COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE**



**Deadline: Mon., Feb. 17, 2025**

Seeking Equitable Pathways to Community Disaster Resilience: this paid research experience for undergraduates (REU) program at University of Kansas aims to safeguard human and physical infrastructure against disasters. Participants investigate:

- Social equities in infrastructure impacting resilience
- Disaster planning and preparation
- Rural and urban infrastructure challenges and solutions
- Resilience of water, energy, and transportation systems.

Program dates run from May 27 to August 1. Includes stipend, housing, and meal plan.

For more details and to apply, see the website at <https://nsfepscor.ku.edu/reu>.





# **SPECIAL ASTRONOMY OPEN HOUSE & TALK**

**Tues., Jan. 28, 6:30–8 (Biology Annex 102 & Campus Observatory)**

This special Astronomy Open House will begin with a talk by Stephanie Monty on "Nucleosynthesis: the story of 'us' as told by star stuff," in Biology Annex, room 102, followed by telescope viewing at the Tombaugh Campus Observatory. At 7pm, the group will walk to the observatory, which is located on Williams St. by the track, for astronomical viewing with the assistance of graduate students and staff.



Astronomical viewing is dependent on the weather: please check <https://astro.nmsu.edu/> one hour before the event to ensure that the event will take place. For more information, contact Zach Edwards at (575) 646-6399 or [zachedwa@nmsu.edu](mailto:zachedwa@nmsu.edu).

## **SACNAS STUDENT GROUP FOR STEM DIVERSITY**

**Meets this Wednesday, 5pm (Garcia Center 144)**

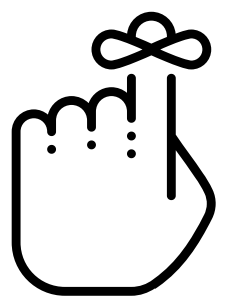
Are you looking to join a new club this semester? Are you interested in STEM and diversifying the field? Consider joining SACNAS!

The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) is a student organization that aims to help NMSU students find scholarship opportunities, research opportunities and the support needed to break into the field of science! All NMSU students are invited to join the group at their meetings, every other Wednesday, 5pm, in Garcia Center 144.





# UPCOMING RESEARCH PROGRAM DEADLINES



## JUMP INTO STEM RESEARCH THIS TERM WITH THE AMP PROGRAM

**URS & STEM PREP deadline for Spring 2025: TOMORROW, Jan. 28**

Applications are open for New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation programs, including the STEM PREP and the Undergraduate Research Scholars (URS) programs. STEM PREP prepares students in their first and second years to get started in research. URS supports students in faculty-mentored research projects and provides professional development and preparation for internships, grad school, and the workforce.



## NMSU U-RISE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM, 2025 COHORT

**Deadline: NEXT MONDAY, Feb. 3, 2025**

Are you a junior or senior with two years left before graduation and an interest in biomedical research? The Undergraduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement (U-RISE) offers experiences in biomedical and biobehavioral research for students who plan to undertake biomedical, research-focused higher degree programs, such as Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.

U-RISE scholars partner with a faculty research mentor, attend workshops and cohort experiences designed to prepare you for competitive graduate programs, and participate in summer research experiences at leading institutions across the country. They also earn Honors credit with the Honors U-RISE course. For eligibility criteria and the application, see the U-RISE website.



**For more information and an application:**

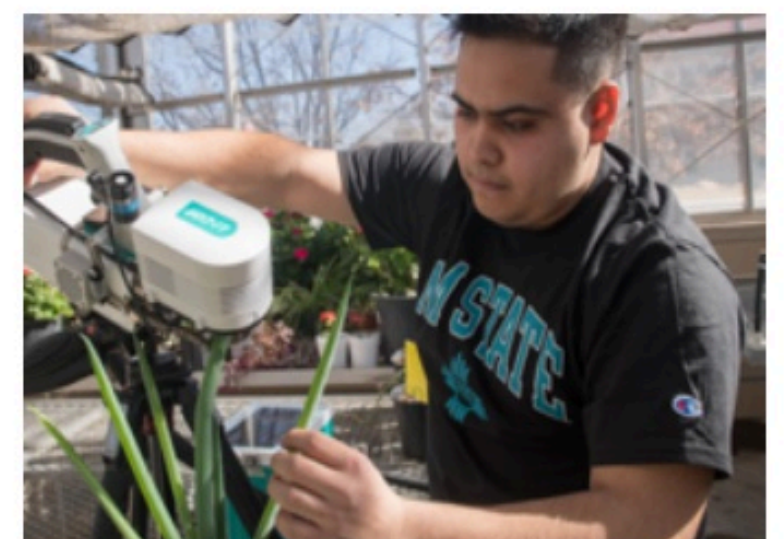
**CALL:** the U-RISE Program @ (575) 646-7963.

**STOP** by the office in Foster Hall Room 465

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# MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM, PATH TO THE PHD

**Piority deadline for Fall 2025 Cohort: Tues., April 15**



The McNair Scholars Program invites applications for the Fall 2025 Cohort. McNair is a 2 year, credit-bearing program that preps first-generation, limited income students for PhD/graduate programs by providing insight into the world of graduate education. We'll guide you every step of the way. Accepted students will learn how to research PhD/graduate programs, learn from NMSU professors what to know and how to prepare for grad school, train with a faculty mentor during a paid summer research internship, travel to undergraduate research conferences, learn about funding opportunities, and receive support in their own process of applying to graduate schools. Applicants must be at NMSU 2 more years until they graduate (graduate Spring 2027 or later). Minimum 3.0 GPA recommended (not required).

Have questions? Email Director Marko Mohlenhoff at [markom@nmsu.edu](mailto:markom@nmsu.edu). More information and application at <https://honors.nmsu.edu/mcnair-scholars.html>.

## PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN MAGAZINE JOURNALISM

**Extended Deadline: Fri., Jan. 31, 2025 (\$25 application fee)**

The American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) Internship Program offers paid ten-week paid summer internships for college students at magazines and websites in New York and Washington. ASME interns work at their assigned magazines and websites from June 2 to August 8.



## CURCA ADVISING THIS SPRING

**Mondays, 12:30-2 (CHC 204)**

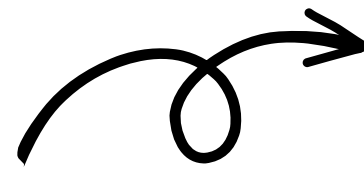
**Tuesdays, 10:30-12 (Zoom)**

Are you interested in research or creative scholarship but unsure where to begin? Let's meet to identify opportunities in your field and brainstorm how to get started. Just drop in!





## OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES ON THE CURCA WEBSITE



## AND UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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### *And as always:*

- to get started in research and creative activity, visit [CURCA](#) and email Dr. Tracey Miller-Tomlinson at [tomlin@nmsu.edu](mailto:tomlin@nmsu.edu),
- to learn about our journal of undergraduate scholarship, submit work or join the editorial team, go to [The Agora](#),
- to find national scholarships and opportunities, visit the [Fellowships Office](#) and contact Dr. Lori Keleher at [lkeleher@nmsu.edu](mailto:lkeleher@nmsu.edu),
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Best wishes,

Dr. Tracey M-T



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