To apply to the UNM Biology Graduate Program

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All applicants are required to apply to The University of New Mexico Graduate Office, as well as to the Department of Biology Graduate Program. Below are the requirements for each office.

Graduate Admissions Office

Complete an application online at http://www.unm.edu/apply and pay the application fee. The Admissions Office must have all official transcripts from each university or college attended in order for your information to be forwarded to the Biology Graduate Program.

Department of Biology Graduate Office

The following documents must be sent to our office by the application deadline to be reviewed by the Graduate Selection Committee.

- Graduate Application Information Form
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Transcripts from All College or Universities Attended
- GRE General Score
- Three Letters of Recommendation

International students must submit an application and all information for the Biology Graduate Program to the International Admissions Office. For more information visit http://www.unm.edu/admissions/guidelines/international.html

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The University of New Mexico

Nestled in the Rio Grande Valley, The University of New Mexico is the flagship university of the State of New Mexico. Boasting a student population of about 30,000, UNM embraces its diverse heritage and reflects its cultural variety: recently, UNM was recognized as one of the few Research 1 institutions in the nation that also has a minority-majority student dynamic.

The parent city of Albuquerque is centrally located in the state. This location allows easy access to the mountains, streams, deserts and plains of New Mexico, offering many wonderful research and leisure opportunities.

The Department of Biology

The Biology Program has 39 research faculty, including a National Academy member, a MacArthur Fellow, and three Guggenheim award recipients. Our research is featured regularly in Science and Nature, and covers the gamut of modern biology: from cellular and molecular biology, through ecology and evolutionary biology, to interdisciplinary or computational ventures with the Departments of Mathematics & Statistics, Computer Science, Chemistry, and the Health Sciences Center. The research problems investigated vary from theoretical through computational to applied. Many faculty focus their research in New Mexico and the Southwest, while others explore Mexico, Antarctica, Australia and Africa. We also conduct laboratory-based studies of model organisms, like yeast, C. elegans and Drosophila, and of non-traditional organisms such as marsupials, mol-
luscs and parasites. Please consult our Web site for a full description of each professor’s areas of interest.

The Department of Biology also hosts a wide range of research facilities and centers geared toward supporting cutting-edge research. These include: the Center for Evolutionary and Theoretical Immunology; the Museum of Southwestern Biology; the Sevilleta Long Term Ecological Research Program and its associated field station; the Sustainability Studies Program; the Chemistry Proteomics Facility; and the Molecular Biology Facility. In short, we have everything we need to support the biological research you wish to carry out.

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Graduate Student Support

Applicants accepted into the program are usually awarded two years of guaranteed support for the M.S. students, and five years of support for Ph.D. students. Compensation packages include a stipend, health benefits and tuition support, for a total financial package of up to $22,000 per year, depending on the degree level. All supported graduate students in the program usually are assigned a Teaching Assistantship to teach in our undergraduate classes, or a Graduate Assistantship as curator assistants in the museums or facilities. Research Assistantships also are available often through a student’s major advisor. Additionally, funds may be available for students without departmental support.

The Graduate Program

The Biology Program offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Our program is thriving—currently, more than 100 students are enrolled—and offers a variety of well-funded research projects that welcome graduate student participation. Our department provides an excellent atmosphere for graduate students to reach their full potential—rigorous, collaborative, and responsive to the needs of the students. Graduate students are involved in departmental decisions, and the Biology Graduate Student Association has funds to support research in the department. Ultimately, our graduates are successful in advancing in their chosen careers, and leave UNM having developed friendships and collegial networks that last a lifetime.