



# FROM THE DESK OF THE Vice President for Research

We are less than three weeks away from the first day of classes, and it's shaping up to be a busy start to the 2023 fall semester, Lobos.

We have so many celebrations on the sunny Sandia horizon, including the announcement of our newest Level 2 Grand Challenges teams and the introduction of latest cohort of Zancada Fellows. In the next few months, several events will showcase some of the unique research activities happening across our campuses, and the researchers working on them to change and impact our future for the better.

There is one researcher I would like to personally recognize and show my gratitude toward, Professor Tom Turner, fish biologist extraordinaire.

Tom spent the last seven months serving as interim associate vice president for research. During that time Tom helped facilitate the Streamlyne implementation process, worked with researchers to address proposal and award issues, represented UNM at local and state-level research events and presentations, and initiated our internal discussions around pooled research support structures. Tom also brought tremendous support, wisdom, and insight to our OVPR executive team. We cannot thank him enough for all the inspiration he brought to our office! Thank you, Tom!



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## Grand Challenges Day & Team Research Symposium

[UNM's Grand Challenges](#) and the [Interdisciplinary Science Cooperative](#) have teamed up to bring Grand Challenges Day and the Team Research Symposium together, Thursday, Sept. 14 for this one-day event highlighting best practices in team research across campus.

You will have the opportunity to learn more about our Grand Challenges program, join a workshop, panel, or presentation, and network with the teams.



## Research Administration Symposium

It's almost time to register for the 2023 Research Administrators Symposium.

The 7th annual event will feature a great line-up for research administrators this year. The symposium will be held in Sept. 25-27. An in-person reception will kick-start two half-days of virtual informative sessions and workshops.

## CASAA Day

The Center on Alcohol, Substance use, And Addictions (CASAA) will host CASAA Research Day on Thursday, Aug. 24.

The day will include keynote speakers, a poster session highlighting some of the research work happening at CASAA, and panel discussions with CASAA faculty and Community Advisory Board members.

Come see what CASAA is all about. [Registration](#) is required.

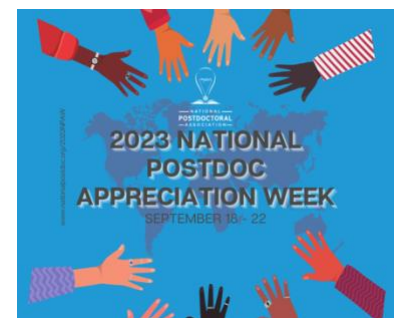


## Research Celebrations

### Postdoc Appreciation Week

This year, we will celebrate the 14th Annual National Postdoc Appreciation Week Sept 18-22. During this week, we seek to acknowledge and illuminate the significant contributions that postdoctoral scholars make to U.S. research and discovery.

Working in collaboration with UNM's postdoctoral association, we are excited to announce UNM has established the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) and named Raquela Thomas as the inaugural



coordinator. UNM recognizes the impact postdoctoral researchers have on our research mission and this is a significant step in supporting, encouraging, and fostering postdoctoral scholarship at UNM.

As a member of the National Postdoctoral Association, don't forget to check out all the virtual events happening that week. It's the perfect opportunity to network and connect with fellow postdocs around the globe.

## Zancada Fellows 2023-2024

We are excited to introduce the newest members of the 2023-2024 Zancada Fellows cohort! Congratulations:

- Khulood Alzaabi | Computer Engineering
- Amal Ashour | Educational Psychology
- Somayeh Dadras | Biomedical Sciences
- Ashish Joshi, Civil Engineering
- Angelea Maestas-Olguin | Chemical Engineering
- Kanchana Mudiyaeselage | Organization, Information & Learning Sciences
- Rebecca Owopetu, | Chemistry & Chemical Biology
- Anna Sephene Macha | Language, Literacy & Sociocultural Studies
- Andrea Pasmay Ramirez | Biomedical Sciences
- Sara Rassa | Water Resources Engineering
- Theodros Woldeyohannes | Geography & Environmental Studies

The Zancada — *Spanish word for stride* — program creates a cohort of future leaders in science, technology, humanities, and the arts who are well-prepared and committed to finding interdisciplinary, actionable, and meaningful solutions to global problems.



Research News?

## 2023 Outstanding Research Staff Awards

Our office is seeking nominations for the 2023 Outstanding Research Staff Awards. The OVPR recognizes that the expertise, dedication, and professionalism of our diverse research support staff contributes to the success of UNM's research enterprise.

Award eligibility is limited to research administrators and similar support staff, including employees of the OVPR, Office of Sponsored Projects, Contract and Grant Accounting, Faculty Research Development Office, Office of Research Integrity & Compliance, Category III Research Centers, and other main and branch campus staff whose *primary* function is to support UNM's research mission.

Nominations are due by **Friday, Sept. 1**. Nominations may be submitted via UNM [InfoReady Review](#).

## ARL Nominations

The Faculty Senate Research Policy Committee is seeking nominations of faculty from all colleges at UNM for the Annual Research Lectureship (ARL) for Career Achievement Award. The ARL is one of the highest honors that UNM bestows upon a faculty member in recognition of their scholarly activity.

Nominations are due by Friday, Aug. 25.

Questions, email Gena Garcia at [emajsmom@unm.edu](mailto:emajsmom@unm.edu)

## Research Technology

Researchers, we're launching a new research software licensing pilot program called Scholarly Advancement Via Enterprise Research Software (SAVERS). SAVERS supports the acquisition of shared enterprise software licenses to enable discovery, creativity, and innovation across campus. Specifically, the program's goal is to be responsive to the needs of UNM researchers by acquiring software licenses for use by researchers across multiple departments, colleges, or other academic units.

The deadline to submit a proposal is Aug. 30.

Questions, email Grace Faustino at [gfaustin@unm.edu](mailto:gfaustin@unm.edu)

Did you know?

July 2023 is now considered the hottest **month** on record for the City of Albuquerque?