

APPLICATION FORM
SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM

National Science Foundation – Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU)

Immigration Policy and Border Communities

New Mexico State University (NMSU) and University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP)

Las Cruces, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas

May 26 – July 19, 2025 (with one week of online activities, May 19-23)

Before completing this form, see the information about our program at:

<https://borderreu.nmsu.edu/application-process.html>

and

<https://borderreu.nmsu.edu/index.html>

Please complete this form and add the required supporting documents, described below, to assemble your full “Application File.”

Please note that you must submit your full Application File as one single PDF in order to be eligible for consideration.

Deadline for submission: 5.00 pm, February 15, 2025.

Submit your Application File to govdept@nmsu.edu

A. Personal Information

First name _____

Middle Name _____

Last name _____

Permanent Email Address _____

(Please note that your permanent email address will be used for all the future communication)

Current address:

Street _____

City _____

State and Zip Code _____

Permanent Phone Number _____

Since the NSF requires that participants in this program be US citizens, permanent residents of the US, or US national, please answer the question below:

Citizenship: I am:

A US citizen _____

Permanent Resident of the United States _____

US National _____

If admitted to the program, will you be willing to provide proof your US citizenship or Permanent Resident Status? Yes _____ No _____

B. General interest

Initial Interest in the Border Communities REU Program How did you hear about this program?

University or College _____

Website _____

National Science Foundation Website _____

Faculty mentors from my current university or college _____

Recruiting ad _____

Other _____

C. Academics

The College or University you currently attend _____

Expected graduation date (month/year) _____

Current education classification

Freshman _____

Sophomore _____

Junior _____

Senior _____

Other _____

Current Major _____

Current Minor (if applicable) _____

Overall GPA _____

Total number of credit hours earned to date _____

Provide a bullet list all social science classes that you have taken that you think are related to the content of this program (including research methods classes and classes that focus on Latin America, Mexico, border issues, migration and/or immigration policy or law)

D. Community Experience

Simply list any experience in working with immigrant communities in the US-Mexico border region or elsewhere (please expand on any such experience in your letter of interest)

E. Future plans

If selected for this REU program, would you consider continuing your research during the academic year?

Yes _____

No _____

Are you considering attending graduate school?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, please state which major you are considering for graduate study:

F. Language skills: Briefly describe your level of proficiency in Spanish and English

How to assemble and submit your full Application File

Please create one single PDF file comprised of the application form and the following documents, placed in the following order.

1. This completed application form
2. Current resume (1-page max.)
3. Unofficial transcripts from your university or college
4. Letter of interest: tell us why you would like to participate in this REU program and the skills or experience that you have in the topic area (2-3 pages max, single-spaced, 12-point font).
5. Contact information for three references, including at least one professor, comprised of their name, work address, phone and email. (Ask your potential references if they would be willing to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf if asked to do so by the directors of this program).

Save this file as a single PDF file. This file will be referred to as your full "Application File"

Please send you full Application File as one single PDF file to **the following email address only:** govdept@nmsu.edu (you can address us in the body of your email as Dr. Harvey and Dr. Slack)

Deadline for receipt of fully completed Application Files is 5.00 pm on February 15, 2025. No exceptions will be made.

Please note that applications that are not submitted as one single PDF file in the way described above will be rejected.

Using your last name and first name, title your Application File in the following way: "Last Name-First Name-REU2025.pdf"

In the subject line of your email, put: REU2025 Application File

The program directors will review all Application Files closely and inform each applicant of their decision regarding acceptance into the Summer 2025 program by March 15, 2025.

If you have questions about the program or the application process, please contact us at govdept@nmsu.edu (**use ONLY this email address**). In the subject line, put: Question regarding REU2025

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to receiving your application!

Dr. Neil Harvey (Department of Government, New Mexico State University, NMSU)

Dr. Jeremy Slack (Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Texas-El Paso, UTEP)

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