ORAL HISTORY SPRING/SUMMER FUNDING FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND UNDERGRADUATE THESIS PROJECTS

Apply by April 1, 2021

This funding is intended to help support the financial costs of conducting oral interviews for dissertations or theses. The award of up to $500 may be used for recording equipment, external hard drives to store oral history content, and travel and/or lodging (applicable only when it is no longer a pandemic and it is safe to travel). Unfortunately no meals are covered. You must submit original receipts and a less than 500 word write up at the conclusion of your spring/summer oral history project. Please note, receipt of this $500 from the Institute for American Indian Research (IFAIR) might impact your financial aid at UNM.

To apply, email hguise@unm.edu your CV or resume and a 1-page cover letter by April 1, 2021. Your cover letter should address your goals of your oral history project, who you might plan to interview if they agree to participation, and a budget. Please be as specific as possible in describing how this oral history funding would assist your larger project, the purpose of the interview(s), potential names of interviewees or community-based organization(s) you might work alongside, and your timeline of how you plan to complete this project or portion of your project before the start of the August 2021 semester.

Selection for recipients of this funding prioritizes 1) those who engage in IFAIR’s mission working within and alongside Indigenous communities and service-oriented scholarship, 2) graduate students working on completing their dissertation, and then 3) undergraduate students initiating oral history projects for senior theses/papers. This funding is available to actively enrolled UNM graduate and undergraduate students who plan to return to campus and be fully enrolled in autumn 2021. Graduating seniors are not eligible unless they have been admitted to a graduate program at UNM and plan to attend in the fall.

Students may also choose to connect with UNM Libraries and the Online Digital Repository to preserve their oral history content on campus if that is what students, interviewees, and UNM choose. This will not be required. At a minimum, students should provide transcriptions and recorded material back to the interviewee so they have a copy.

Please contact hguise@unm.edu if you have any questions.