

Application to be a Participant in the Northern New Mexico Climate Change Corps

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Project Summary: The project purpose of the Northern New Mexico Climate Change Corps is to 1) increase the availability of skilled graduates with a deep understanding of climate change challenges to Northern New Mexico and 2) increase minority representation in Natural Resources Management agencies. To achieve this purpose, the project will build a pipeline from Taos High School to University of New Mexico-Taos (UNM-T) to New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) in Las Vegas that recruits and retains students through completion of B.S. and M.S. degrees in Forestry. In addition to coursework, experiential learning opportunities will engage students in field research, job training/internships, and community climate conservation projects.

M.S. participants in the Northern New Mexico Climate Change Corps will receive annually:

- \$4,000 Academic Stipend (\$2,000 for Fall Semester 2016; \$2,000 for Spring Semester 2017)
- \$3,000 M.S. Research Stipend **to study something related to climate change**
- Travel by one (1) of the participating M.S. students to a professional meeting such as that hosted by the Society of the American Foresters
- Travel by one (1) of the participating M.S. students to a national conference such as SACNAS or HACU
- Academic and Career Advising

Participants will:

- Complete a Masters of Natural Resource Management at NMHU within 2 years of support
- Attend project events and activities
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0
- Display professionalism through appearance, behavior, and teamwork

Application Checklist:

Completed Application

Program of Study

Deadline & Submission: Completed applications must be received by **5 pm, Friday September 30, 2016**

Digital Copy (PDFs or .docs): Direct to Dr. Edward Martinez, eamartinez@nmhu.edu

Paper copy (drop-off or mail): Direct to Dr. Edward Martinez, Vice-President for Strategic Enrollment Management, Rogers Administration Building, Box 9000, Las Vegas NM, 87701; 505-454-3366 or to Monique Esquibel at the ARMAS Center.

**If you submit a paper copy, make sure to email Dr. Martinez (eamartinez@nmhu.edu) that you have done so by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 30th, 2016.*

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Instructions: Type or write clearly answers to all the questions below.

Name: _____ **NMHU Student ID:** _____ **Age:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Ethnicity (Please circle): Native American, Hispanic, White, African American, Asian,

Have your parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents attained any degree or certificate beyond high school? No _____ **Yes** _____

If yes, describe specifically:

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Contact's Phone Number: _____

1. Attach an up to two page proposal of your thesis research project. Your proposal must make clear links as to how your project is linked/researching some aspect of climate change.
2. Provide a copy of your graduate program of study.

NOTE: If you are selected to participate in this program and you agree you must attend all program activities and be willing to mentor an undergraduate student during the summer. Additionally, there will be some initial forms and surveys, including a pre-experience survey, to complete.