

The Achieving in Research, Mathematics And Science (ARMAS) Scholarship Program is a five year grant that was funded by the National Science Foundation in 2012. The program was initially designed to provide effective financial and student support services to three cohorts of students majoring in either Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Geology or Forestry at New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU). Due to timely graduations and the leveraging of administrative support, extra funds have been available to support additional students, we have been able to expand the number in the third cohort and support a fourth and fifth cohort. The co-principal investigators on the grant are Dr. Jennifer Lindline, Dr. Edward Martinez and Dr. Mary Shaw (retired in 2016).

ARMAS Scholars receive \$10,000 per year for up to a three year period. The financial support enables students to work less while attending school full-time during the last one to three years of their studies. Coupled with the financial support, enhanced academic and career support services, faculty mentorship, and peer support are integral components of the program. The goal of the program is to provide support to students who plan to pursue research in non-health related STEM disciplines. The ARMAS Scholars participate in a seminar offered each semester to the ARMAS scholars. This year the ARMAS Scholars Seminar, led by Dr. Brooks Maki Brown, will coordinate a STEM outreach day in the fall and the New Mexico Highlands University Student Research Day in the Spring.

The following students have been selected as ARMAS Scholars:

Major	Student Name	Graduation Date/Status
<b>2012 ARMAS Scholars</b>		
Biology	Esther Lovato	May 2014
Chemistry	Jessica DeSanto	May 2013
Geology	Amanda Melendrez	Working at this time.
Forestry	Elyssa Duran	May 2013
<b>2013 ARMAS Scholars</b>		
Biology	Lisa Mcbride	May 2014
Chemistry	Katie Hamman	Transferred to Eastern Oregon State University in Fall 2015, Graduated May 2016
Geology	Darren Lemen	May 2015
Forestry	Rebecca Vigil	May 2015
Forestry	Rose Peralta	May 2015
<b>2014 ARMAS Scholars</b>		
Chemistry	Melecio Perea	May 2016
Chemistry	Jared Womack	May 2015
Biology	Alyssa Espinoza	May 2016
Biology	Kevin Molinar	May 2016
Geology	Angelica Gallegos	Summer 2016
Geology	Ryan Mann	Summer 2016
Forestry	Lorenzo Herrera	December 2016
<b>2015 ARMAS Scholars</b>		
Biology	Estrella Gutierrez	Enrolled at NMHU
Biology	Cassius Simpson	Enrolled at NMHU
Chemistry	Michelle Tuineau	Enrolled at NMHU
Chemistry	Logan Wolfel	Enrolled at NMHU
<b>2016 ARMAS Scholars</b>		
Biology	Brandon Maes	Enrolled at NMHU
Chemistry	Santiana Marrujo	Enrolled at NMHU
Chemistry	Onnica Pino	Enrolled at NMHU

