The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of New Mexico is seeking M.S. and Ph.D. students who will begin with us in Fall 2020. We offer competitive funding packages through Teaching Assistantships, Research Assistantships, and academic scholarships. For Fall 2020, we are particularly seeking students with interests in geospatial data science, geographic information science (GIScience), geovisualization, spatial analysis, historical geography, water governance, health geography.

UNM’s geography faculty have expertise in the broad fields of human-environment geography, GIScience, and cultural geography. They engage in local, regional, and global research on topics including water resources, economic development, geospatial data science, public health, food and drugs, remote sensing, spatial modeling, climate change, and cartography. Located in Albuquerque, UNM boasts 280 days of sunshine annually and easy access to the Rocky Mountains, the Rio Grande valley, the U.S.–Mexico border, and other globally prominent geographic features, including the lands of 23 Indian nations. The university has several research centers and facilities that support geography research in areas as diverse as border studies, water resources management, spatial informatics, Latin American Studies, Native American Studies, and art and ecology.

Our M.S. students specialize in either GIScience or Environmental Studies, and have conducted research throughout the Southwestern U.S., as well as Central and South America, and the Caribbean. We fund nearly all students accepted to our M.S. program.

Our Ph.D. program is jointly offered with the Department of Geography at New Mexico State University (NMSU), and is launching this year. The Ph.D. program allows students to access resources at both UNM and NMSU while pursuing research in human-environment geography and GIScience. We anticipate funding nearly all students admitted to the program. For more on this program, see: https://geographyphdnmsu.unm.edu/.

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