

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**  
**Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)**  
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**Paid Research Experience for Undergraduates – Summer 2019**

**Call for Applications. Deadline: February 1, 2019**

Location: El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico

Duration of program: May 20-July 27, 2019 (students must be present for the entire 10 weeks)

Application Deadline for the Summer 2019 program: February 1, 2019

Decision on successful applications will be made by March 1, 2019.

**The Immigration and Border Community – Research Experience for Undergraduates**, is a unique opportunity to learn social science research methods while collaborating with local organizations to conduct in-depth research about the unique challenges faced by border communities in the Paso del Norte region of southern New Mexico, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.

This is a collaborative program between researchers at New Mexico State University (NMSU) and the University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP), fully funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Participants can be from other US colleges and universities besides NMSU and UTEP and must be enrolled as undergraduates at the time when the program is being held. Students who graduate before July 27, 2019 are not eligible for this program. This program will continue in the summer of 2020.

Students who travel from outside the region will be provided accommodation on the campus of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. These arrangements will be made by the program directors following selection of student participants. Transportation to and from meetings and research sites in the area will be provided through the support of this grant. Students who come from outside the region will stay in 2-bedroom apartments with kitchen and living area at the Chamisa Village apartments on the NMSU Campus in Las Cruces. See here for photos and details:

<https://housing.nmsu.edu/chamisa/>

Full costs of accommodation will be covered by the NSF grant, including meals and NMSU campus activity center/swimming pool pass, for the full 10-week period.

The project is an excellent opportunity for students interested in pursuing a graduate degree or a variety of career paths. By collaborating closely with organizations already

involved in advocacy for civil and human rights, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Hope Border Institute and the Border Network for Human Rights, your work will have a greater impact. Sample topics include:

- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Asylum seekers in the borderlands: Access to due process and human rights protections
- “Know Your Rights” educational campaigns
- “Operation Streamline,” detention, deportation and family separation
- Community organizing and leadership development in the borderlands

Successful applicants will spend 10 weeks in the El Paso/Las Cruces/Ciudad Juárez region during the summer (May 20-July 27, 2019). Positions are fully funded by the NSF. Students will receive a stipend of \$5000 and meal expenses. In addition, students traveling from outside the region will receive accommodation and \$500 towards their travel expenses.

**Requirements:** At least sophomore standing in a social science discipline (Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Geography) or related field, GPA of at least 3.0, statement of interest indicating preparation and motivation for participating in this project. The length of letters of interest should be no more than two pages (single-spaced, 12-point font). Applicants will also provide contact information for three references, one of whom must be a student’s professor. Spanish language skills are preferred but not required. Students must still be undergraduates at the time that the program is being held.

Due to federal regulations students must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or Permanent Residents.

Brief visits to program partners in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, may be included in the program. Students must have valid passports.

To apply, go to his link:

<https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/bordercommunity/apply/index.html>

Send your application form, supporting materials and contact information for three references to [reuborder@nmsu.edu](mailto:reuborder@nmsu.edu) by February 1, 2019.

For more information, please contact the program directors: Dr. Neil Harvey, Professor and Department Head, Department of Government, New Mexico State University (575) 646-3220, [nharvey@nmsu.edu](mailto:nharvey@nmsu.edu) or Dr. Jeremy Slack, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Texas-El Paso, (915) 747-6530  
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