



Cancer affects everyone in New Mexico

Here's What You Can Do About It!



Cancer affects people everywhere, of every age and of every race. You can join the fight against it. You can help scientists and doctors learn more about cancer. And you can share what you learn with other students, cancer scientists and doctors, and the people in your community.



About the CURE Program

For high school and college undergraduate Native American students, the Continuing Umbrella of Research Experience program offers training in cancer research. Students must be:

- Sixteen years or older
- In good academic standing
- Strongly interested in science

How it Works

CURE is a paid program that is supported through partnerships between UNM, Native American Community Academy, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Navajo Technical University, Santa Fe Indian School, and Ft. Lewis College.

Summer –
8 weeks,
May – August

- Make a commitment to completing the program
- Attend UNM seminars, lectures, training sessions and activities
- Select UNM Faculty and “near-peer” mentors
- Choose a research project in community, public or environmental health

Final
Project
Presentation

Share what was learned with the school and/or community in a unique presentation, such as:

- A poster, painting, story, poem or report
- A song, musical piece, or dance
- Any other creative way to get the learning from the research to the audience.



Help the Fight Against Cancer...

Take part in ongoing research at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center. Here are some examples of ongoing projects:

- Understanding how arsenic and uranium in water sources may cause cancer (*Lewis*)
- Discovering what tribal communities have done and can do to further improve the health of their members (*Wallerstein*)
- Identifying causes and treatments for breast and ovarian cancer (*Prossnitz/Hathaway/Adams/Steinkamp/Hudson/Wandering-Ness*)
- Learning how schools can help students to improve diet choices, reduce obesity and reduce the risk of getting cancer (*Davis*)
- Genomic analyses for personalized cancer therapies (*Ness/Rajput/Winter*)

Work in a Lab with Our Research Experts



Johnnye Lewis, PhD



Nina Wallerstein, DrPH



Eric Prossnitz, PhD



Sally Davis, PhD



Scott Ness, PhD



Ashwani Rajput,
MD, FACS

...And Help Yourself, Too!

Learn important skills that will help you in college and beyond!

- Conduct scientific research in community, public or environmental health — learn from the scientists themselves!
- Work within research teams
- Learn from mentors, peers and diverse groups of people
- Explain science to family, community, teachers, peers
- Learn how to prepare applications for college and graduate school
- Discover career opportunities where you can apply your science knowledge



Frequently Asked Questions

Will Students be Paid?

CURE provides paid summer internships for students participating in a minimum of 40 hours per week.

The payment amount is determined at the start of each program year by CURE funding sources, and can vary from year to year.

Is Housing Available?

- Housing is not available for high school students.
- Housing in the dormitories on the UNM campus is available for undergraduate students during the first year.



What Fees Do Students Have to Pay?

- High School students will have to pay for a parking permit if they plan to park on UNM Campus.
- Undergraduate students will have to pay tuition for one credit hour. They will also need to pay for housing and food if they elect to live on campus or a parking permit if they will not be living on campus.
- Additional fees may be required.

How Can I Apply to the CURE Program?

High school students can call Loretta Esquibel at (505) 272-4539 or e-mail her at laesquibel@salud.unm.edu to request an application packet. To apply online, go to cancer.unm.edu/CURE.

Undergraduate students can submit an electronic application via UNM Undergraduate Pipeline Network Summer Research Experience. Find the link at: cancer.unm.edu/CURE.

How can I learn more?

If you have more questions about the CURE program, please contact:

- Loretta Esquibel at (505) 272-4539 or laesquibel@salud.unm.edu
- Dr. Angela Wandinger-Ness at wness@unm.edu



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our researchers and research programs at
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