



**Application Guidelines for:** *English (MFA) - Creative Writing*

**Application Deadline:** *January 15*

Application for admissions	Specific instructions
Program of Interest	Select: College of Arts and Sciences > English > English > MFA Creative Writing > Choose from: Fiction, Creative Non-fiction, Poetry
Test Scores	Not required (not applicable to this program).
Letter of Intent	This is your opportunity to tell Creative Writing program faculty about yourself. Include relevant experience, both in and outside the classroom, literary influences, and goals. Prospective students are advised to research the MFA program before submitting an application. MFA students should also address literary influences, and goals. Prospective students are advised to research the MFA program before submitting an application. As admission is granted to select candidates whom core faculty believe will best be served by UNM's specific program, it will be helpful for faculty to know why you're choosing UNM's MFA. Your letter, which should not exceed two pages, should indicate how you envision yourself and your work within the strengths of the program.
Writing Sample	A Writing Sample must accompany your application and provides the criteria that faculty refer to most often when discussing whom to admit. Applicants should submit their writing sample according to genre: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. a portfolio of ten to fifteen poems not to exceed 20 pages in length; <b>or</b></li><li>2. one or preferably two stories or a novel excerpt not to exceed a total of 7500 words; <b>or</b></li><li>3. 15-20 pages of non-fiction prose.</li></ol> In all cases, your writing sample should represent your best work to date.
CV/Resume	Optional. No special instructions.
Assistantship Interest	Teaching Letter of Intent, Expository Writing Sample, Two Letters of Recommendation. Please see Program Specific Requirements for TAs/ship Applicants on department website for details:  <a href="http://english.unm.edu/graduate/graduate-admissions.html">http://english.unm.edu/graduate/graduate-admissions.html</a>

Important links	Specific instructions
Recommendations	Three (3) to apply to program; Two (2) additional for TA application, if admission letters don't address teaching.

**Website:** <http://english.unm.edu/graduate/index.html>

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