



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

Application Deadlines **January 15th**

Website **<https://english.unm.edu/grad/prospective-students/welcome-letter.html>**

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| APPLICATION CATEGORY | SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS |
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| 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 the Creative Writing program faculty about yourself formally. 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. 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 also 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: (1) a portfolio of 10-15 poems not to exceed 20 pages in length, (2) one or preferably two stories or a novel excerpt not to exceed a total of 7500 words, or (3) 15-20 pages of non-fiction prose. 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 on department website for details: https://english.unm.edu/grad/current-students/resources/funding.html |
| Recommendations | Three to apply to program. Two additional for TA application, if admission letters don't address teaching. |