



**Application Guidelines for** [Geography \(PhD\)](#)

**Application Deadlines** [Fall Admissions: January 15<sup>th</sup>](#)

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APPLICATION CATEGORY	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Program of Interest</b>	Select: College of Arts & Sciences > Geography and Environmental Studies > Geography > PhD Geography
<b>Test Scores</b>	GRE scores are no longer required. Applicants for whom English is not a native language need to provide current English proficiency test scores (such as TOEFL, IELTS, or other). See guidelines from the <a href="#">UNM Global Education Office</a> .
<b>Letter of Intent</b>	A letter of intent is required. This letter, usually 2-3 pages long, should briefly describe: 1) your background; 2) your interest in our program; 3) your intended research direction; and 4) your post-graduation career plans. Additionally, in your statement, you should identify your proposed faculty advisor, and your proposed home campus (UNM in Albuquerque, or NMSU in Las Cruces).
<b>Writing Sample</b>	One writing sample is required; up to two samples may be submitted. Your writing sample can be a published work, an unpublished report, a school or work assignment, a master's thesis, or some other piece of writing that shows your capabilities in written communication about scholarly, technical, or professional topics. Personal, fictional, or creative writing should not be submitted.
<b>CV/Resume</b>	A current resume, documenting your academic and professional accomplishments, is required.
<b>Assistant Interest</b>	Optional. If you wish to seek a graduate assistantship or other form of financial assistance from the UNM Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, provide a statement that describes your qualifications relevant to serving as either a Teaching Assistant or a Research Assistant.
<b>Recommendations</b>	Three letters of recommendation are required. At least two of these letters must come from academic contacts, such as a college professor, or a research director in a laboratory or business.