
POST-DOC LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Just after the start of the new year, NM EPSCoR welcomed 20 post-docs to the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge for an intensive three-day program designed to enhance the professional skills of post-doctoral scholars in STEM disciplines. NM EPSCoR brought experts from around the country to lead workshop sessions on meeting facilitation, communicating science, writing proposals, career planning, entrepreneurship, mentoring, and more. A member of the Board of the National Postdoctoral Association attended the entire workshop and provided a wealth of resources to the participants. NM EPSCoR researcher Johanna Blake participated in this year's workshop; she kindly wrote the following about her experience:

I personally found several workshop sessions to be extremely useful. These included a session on facilitating productive meetings... [and] the opportunity to practice their communication to the media through mock interviews for television, radio and print. I practiced a mock television news interview with David Marash, an accomplished journalist. Another particularly useful session... was facilitated by Dr. Gary Smith from UNM, where we learned how to better run a class session through activities rather than the classic lecture style. I think I speak for my postdoctoral colleagues when I say this was time well spent in the beautiful desert of New Mexico.



Participants of the 2015 Post-Doc Leadership Workshop at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge