**NM SMART Grid Center Student Externship**

Externships are research opportunities that enable graduate students to spend a semester at a national lab, industry or research facility, government agency, or higher education institution other than their degree-granting institution. Activities during this exchange may include conducting research at a host institution, participating in training, or taking courses at the host institution. Externships are available Fall 2019 through Summer 2023 and are funded at up to $3,000 to cover lodging, travel, and living expenses; up to four externships will be funded each year. *Students, in consultation with their faculty advisors, are responsible for determining externship sites, mentors, and logistics.*

Eligibility: Externship support is available to graduate students with existing assistantships with the NM SMART Grid Center. Graduate students must currently reside in and be eligible to work in the United States.

Application Process: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; for best consideration, please submit a complete application by the following deadlines:

Semester Deadline for Best Consideration

Fall 2020 August 1, 2020

Spring 2021 February 10, 2021

Summer 2021 April 16, 2021

Application Package

* Application Form
* Transcript(s) (unofficial or official)
* Two letters of recommendation/support
  + Home institution faculty advisor
  + Host institution mentor/advisor

Submit complete application package to Selena Connealy (Connealy@epscor.unm.edu).

**NM SMART Grid Center Externship Application**

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| Full Name |  | | | | |
| Street Address |  | | | | |
| City |  | State |  | Zip |  |
| Email |  | Phone |  | | |
| Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?  Yes  No  Are you eligible to work in the U.S.?  Yes  No | | | | | |

**NM SMART Grid Center Component**

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| Research Group 1: Architecture  Research Group 2: Networking  Research Group 3: Decision-Support  Research Group 4: Deployment  Cyberinfrastructure |

**Home Institution (Where you currently attend)**

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| Name of Home Institution |  | | |
| Department or Program |  | | |
| Faculty Advisor |  | | |
| Faculty Email |  | Phone |  |

**Host Institution (Where you propose to do your Externship)**

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| Name of Host Institution |  | | |
| Department or Program |  | | |
| Advisor/Mentor |  | | |
| Advisor Email |  | Phone |  |

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| Semester of Externship |  |

**Address the following questions in a narrative format (< 750 words total):**

1. Describe your proposed Externship activities, including in what research and/or training activities you will engage. How will the Externship provide you opportunities that you wouldn’t otherwise have through your regular program of studies?

2. Explain how your participation in the Externship will contribute to the research program and related efforts of the NM SMART Grid Center.

3. How will this Externship help you with your future academic and career goals?

**In addition to the application form, please include the following documents and return to Selena Connealy (connealy@epscor.unm.edu).**

* Transcript(s) (unofficial or official)
* Letters of recommendation/support from 1) home institution faculty advisor and 2) host institution advisor/mentor