



## Natural Resources Management Program at UNM-Taos STUDENT APPLICATION

### CCC-LISTOS PROJECT SUMMARY

The LISTOS (Leaders in Science and Training for Outreach and Stewardship) program at UNM–Taos supports college students pursuing careers in natural resources, environmental science, and climate resilience. Through mentorship, academic guidance, hands-on experience, and academic stipends that reduce financial barriers, LISTOS helps students develop the knowledge, leadership skills, and professional connections needed to stay enrolled, complete their degrees, and participate in high-impact opportunities such as internships and research. LISTOS is designed to prepare students for critical roles within the natural resource industry and related STEM fields. By emphasizing collaboration, equity, and stewardship, the program strengthens local capacity for managing New Mexico’s lands and communities in a rapidly changing climate.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

All LISTOS students engage in program meetings, mentoring activities, and applied learning experiences that connect classroom concepts to real-world natural resource challenges. Students enrolled in eligible UNM-Taos courses may receive academic stipends for successful course completion, along with access to tutoring, advising, career support, and professional development. **Active participation and good academic standing are required to maintain eligibility; failure to meet program expectations may result in removal from LISTOS and loss of funding.**

Through LISTOS, students gain:

- Academic support and tutoring in math, science, and writing
- Academic stipends at \$200/credit hour, with no semester earning limit
- Career and transfer advising
- Resume and job preparation workshops
- Climate change, ecology, and land stewardship training
- Access to paid internships with partner organizations and agencies

**Participants typically pursue the Associate of Pre-Science in Natural Resources at UNM-Taos, with the intention of transferring to a four-year regional partner institution to complete a bachelor’s degree in fields such as Forestry, Wildlife Biology, Environmental Science, Geology, or other STEM-related Natural Resource Management fields.** Transferring to a regional partner institution (NMSU, NMHU, or Adam’s State) is facilitated by a formal **articulation agreement**, ensuring that completed courses apply toward the intended major and that students enter their upper-division programs with junior standing. LISTOS advisors work closely with students to help them understand and follow the requirements of these articulation agreements so that credit transfer is smooth and efficient.

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## QUALIFICATIONS for SELECTION

To be considered for participation in the LISTOS program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

### Minimum Requirements

- Be a current or incoming UNM–Taos student enrolled in (or planning to enroll in) courses that apply toward the Associate of Pre-Science in Natural Resources or related degree pathway (e.g., Environmental Science, Biology, or Sustainability).
- Demonstrate a strong interest in natural resources, ecology, environmental science, or climate resilience.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 (students below this threshold may be considered with evidence of strong motivation and academic improvement).
- Submit a completed application with all required materials, including a recommendation form and course advisor signature.

### Preferred Qualifications

- First-generation college student status.
- Demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship, community engagement, or outdoor work experience.
- A clear intention to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in a natural resource-related field.
- Strong academic record, reliability, and follow-through in previous coursework or employment.



## PROGRAM SELECTION & STUDENT INFORMATION

### DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Early submission is encouraged to increase the likelihood of selection and placement in internships or stipend-supported coursework.

Application Package Includes:

1. This Student Application form
2. Course Advisor Signature
3. Recommendation Form (from an instructor, advisor, or employer)

Submit digital applications to:

Natural Resources Management Program at UNM-T:

[alexanderd@unm.edu](mailto:alexanderd@unm.edu)

(575) 737-3756

Applicants should be contacted within **2 weeks** of submission.

### STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION *(Type or print clearly.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Banner ID (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently enrolled at UNM-Taos?**  Yes  No

If yes, current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time or part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date with Associate of Pre-Science from UNM-T (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) 20\_\_\_\_

If no, planned start semester: **Fall** / **Spring** (circle one) 20\_\_\_\_

### **Ethnicity (select all that apply):**

Native American / Alaska Native

Hispanic / Latino

White

African American / Black

Asian

Pacific Islander

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer not to answer

**Have your parents or guardians earned a college degree?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### **How did you hear about the LISTOS program?**

Instructor  Advisor  Flyer  Website  Peer  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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What bachelor's degree do you want to earn?

Forestry \_\_\_ Geology \_\_\_ Biology \_\_\_ Wildlife Biology \_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_

Name of Advisor at UNM-Taos \_\_\_\_\_

### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY COURSE ADVISOR

The above student has declared an intention to earn an Associate Degree in Pre-Science.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

The above student has communicated a desire for an education and career in natural resources management.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Advisor name printed \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT APPLICATION ESSAYS

*(Type or print clearly.)*

Provide a brief bio describing where you are from and work/school/family experiences that shape who you are.

What are your academic and career goals? How do these relate to being in the LISTOS program?

What personal strengths, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the LISTOS community?

What challenges might affect your success in college, and how can the LISTOS program help you overcome them?

Give an example of a situation in which your participation or leadership led to a positive difference for others.

### RECOMMENDATION FORM

*(Type or print clearly.)*

*\*If you are a current or prospective UNM-T student, this form must be completed by an instructor or employer.*

To the Recommender:

Please complete this form for a student applying to the LISTOS (Leaders in Science and Training for Outreach and Stewardship) program at UNM–Taos. Your insight helps us understand the applicant’s motivation, reliability, and potential for success in the natural resources field. If you prefer, you may email a signed letter of recommendation addressing the questions below to [naturalresources@unm.edu](mailto:naturalresources@unm.edu) or [alexanderd@unm.edu](mailto:alexanderd@unm.edu).

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity?

The LISTOS program prepares students for academic success and future careers in natural resources, environmental science, and climate resilience. Why do you believe this student is a good fit for this opportunity?

How has this student demonstrated reliability, follow-through, or commitment to academic or professional goals?

What are this students’ strengths, and what areas for growth or support should we be aware of?

Describe a time when this student contributed positively to a group, project, or community effort.

Additional Comments (Optional):

Reference Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission of Recommendation Form**

- Email directly to [alexanderd@unm.edu](mailto:alexanderd@unm.edu), (575) 737-3756