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Dear Potential Mentor,

Welcome to the UNM STEM Mentor Program! We look forward to your participation in our program. Your guidance will make a difference in a student's ability to succeed.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to you and we thank you for your interest. Your role of guiding, sharing knowledge, setting expectations, will help orient our students and allow them to have a successful mentoring experience.

The STEM Mentor Program is evolving as we move forward. As the new coordinating team for the UNM STEM Mentor Program, we are pleased to announce that starting in the fall of 2019, the program is being adopted by the School of Engineering in the Centennial Engineering Center (CEC). This location puts us closer in proximity to the buildings housing the STEM fields. We also happily support oSTEM and many other UNM STEM student organizations.

Previous semesters have seen more than 40 new undergraduate student applications each semester!

There are 2 ways to be involved:

- **Become a mentor for the semester!** This is about a 1 hour/week commitment. For the Fall 2019 semester, **Mentor applications are due September 13th, 2019**. So apply now!
- **Join us for our STEM Mixer** on Thursday, September 19th from 4 – 6 pm.

An essential, yet underestimated, factor in professional growth is the alliance formed between mentors (seasoned professionals) and mentees (novice professionals). Such alliances build bridges, which reach far beyond mutual sharing of work-related information. Mentors can be a valuable resource to new professionals by offering answers to questions about how to direct and manage academic support programs, how to communicate with faculty and staff, and how to decipher and apply organizational and institutional rules and regulations. By no means should a mentee's expectations be limited to just those things mentioned here. The quality of the relationship built between the mentor and mentee will determine how and in what ways professional growth will occur.

We welcome you to a new and exciting year of mentorship. Please share this letter and our information with colleagues and co-workers that may be interested in participating. We are available to answer your questions and to help you in any way we can.

For more information please visit: <https://ess.unm.edu/stem-mentoring-program/>

Warm regards,

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