The Sobel Duncan Science for Health in Indigenous Populations
Graduate Student Research Award

The University of New Mexico College of Arts and Sciences is soliciting nominees for the 2021 Sobel Duncan Science for Health in Indigenous Populations (SHIP) Graduate Student Research Award. The SHIP award includes a $10,000 prize to the recipient and a $5,000 research award to the chair of the award recipient’s dissertation committee.

UNM is located where Indigenous populations have lived and thrived for 1000s of years, sitting on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. Many actions are necessary to honor the Indigenous peoples of New Mexico and to address the significant health inequities they experience. The goal of the SHIP Award is to promote research at UNM to address Indigenous health disparities and the underlying social inequities.

We seek nominations of outstanding PhD students whose research has contributed to understanding and promoting Indigenous health. We encourage nominations of students who have contributed to this goal from social sciences, life sciences, and/or physical sciences. For the SHIP Award, we are particularly interested in health research that incorporates biomedical (both clinical and basic), social, and Indigenous perspectives. The competition is NOT, however, limited to the above research areas.

Nominations should include the following:

- Statement from the PhD mentor (dissertation chair or other committee member) addressing the quality and impact of the nominee’s research and mentor’s research collaborations between main campus and Health Sciences Center
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee
- Most significant published (or in preparation) manuscript(s)
- Statement from the nominee addressing their role on the manuscript (if not a sole authored paper) and any research collaborations between main campus and Health Sciences Center

Please send nomination materials to chemistrychair@unm.edu with the subject “SHIP Nomination” by 12/10/2021.

The award winner will be announced on 12/14/2021. The award winner will be invited to present on 4/8/2022 at the second annual symposium to honor the SHIP award recipient. In 2022, the symposium will be held in person.