



# Summer of Service 2012

## Description of UNM Research Service-Learning PAship

June 4-July 13, 2012

**Program description:** Earth Force, UNM's Research Service-Learning Program, Wilson Middle School, and Belen Consolidated Schools have partnered to provide 100 youth from Valencia and Bernalillo Counties the opportunity to partake in a summer of service. In this effort to meaningfully engage our youth in their community, we will focus on the issues of food and water as experienced through four local sites and the use of the Earth Force service-learning model. The PA will receive \$4000.

### Larger Objectives of Summer of Service:

1. Involve 60 6<sup>th</sup>-9th grade students in 150 hours of service-learning. Those hours will take place June 4<sup>th</sup>-July 13<sup>th</sup>, M-F, from 8 a.m. -1 p.m. There is also a mandatory training session on March 23-24, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Belen.
2. Provide students opportunities to examine various aspects of literacy and science, using multiple "texts."
3. Provide insight and mentorship to students, to enhance a successful high school career and guide them towards college studies.
4. Increase engagement in community and understanding of causes of environmental issues, particularly those related to watersheds and food security.

**Responsibilities of Site Coordinator:** We are looking for two highly motivated graduate students to assist Earth Force staff and teachers in designing the larger SOS program and applying that design to a specific site (Willie Chavez Park in Belen and an Open Space site in Albuquerque) for implementation during the summer. You should be excited about working on community issues with students and community members. Moreover, you should be able to utilize a local riparian ecosystem at a fully outdoor site to engage students in a critical inquiry of food and water as they relate to the larger systems of the environment and culture. The method of inquiry shared with students should utilize the Earth Force Process, moving students through the six critical steps in the six weeks of Summer of Service.

### Requirements of the candidate:

1. Demonstrated experience of working with older elementary and middle school-aged students.
2. Demonstrated experience of working in the community on important issues.
3. Skill in building community partners as supporters and learning resources.
4. Ability to commit to working for the structured 150 hours of SOS, plus the additional time to plan, and build partnerships.
5. Ability to structure an evaluation of SOS, particularly as it relates to the program specific requirements as set by Innovations in Civic Participation and Earth Force (to be shared with candidate during this planning process).
6. Interest in maintaining a longer commitment to working with Earth Force New Mexico for SOS 2013.
7. Must be able to attend Earth Force training dates (Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 2012 in Belen).
8. Must be able to provide own transportation to Belen or Albuquerque working site.
9. Must be able to engage in vigorous outdoor activities on unimproved sites.

### Application process:

Please provide a cover letter addressing your interest and qualifications, as well as a CV including the names of three references by **January 30, 2012 by 5:00 PM. Submit completed materials to:** Sierra Netz at [sierranetz@gmail.com](mailto:sierranetz@gmail.com) and Dan Young at [dyoung@unm.edu](mailto:dyoung@unm.edu).

Candidates will be contacted by February 3<sup>rd</sup> to attend an informational session scheduled for February 13th or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, followed by an interview if selected. Final selections will be made by **February 29, 2012.**