

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE MBRS-RI SE PROGRAM

Prerequisites for Admission

1. Be in good academic standing.
2. Must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) on main campus. Dona Ana branch courses do not count toward full-time enrollment on main campus.
3. Be sincerely interested in a biomedical career such as, academic research, human medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, medical technology, nursing, physical therapy, or public health and be willing to extend your education beyond a baccalaureate degree to achieve it. Have a desire to get a head start by participating in academic research sponsored by the RISE program.
4. Satisfactorily complete two lower-division science courses required by your major and/or by the university's General Education program.
5. Demonstrate financial need. This will be a major, but NOT essential, consideration.
6. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.

Application Checklist

Return the following items to the MBRS-RI SE Coordinator, **Foster Hall, Room 334** or mail to the **MBRS-RI SE Program, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30001, MSC 3AF, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001**.

- ❑ The completed application form (**Part I**).
- ❑ Record of Interviews:

PART II: Please arrange interviews with as many of the faculty mentors listed in Part II as possible. It is especially important to talk to mentors who currently have openings in their laboratories for entering MBRS-RI SE students. Check with the Program Coordinator, Karen Gomez (646-8040, kgomez@nmsu.edu) for up-to-date information. Ask each faculty mentor to initial and date the form next to his/her name after the interview. The more you visit, the better, well-rounded decision you are able to make about whom to work with.

PART III: Please arrange a personal interview with one of the campus ethnic directors who serve on the MBRS-RI SE Program Advisory Committee (Part III). These representatives are Mr. Mike Davis, Director, Black Programs; Dr. Laura Gutierrez-Spencer, Director, Chicano Programs; Dr. Donald Pepion, Director, American Indian Program. Ask the Advisory Committee representative to initial and date the form after the interview.

- ❑ Submit current up-to-date transcripts of academic work from **all** higher education institutions you have attended. **Unofficial transcripts are acceptable**. Undergraduate Advising Document **not** acceptable.
- ❑ A typed statement stating how you would benefit by participating in the Minority Biomedical Research Support – Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement Program **and** how your participation would help in fulfilling the Program's objectives, as stated on the first page.
- ❑ Please be sure to arrange an interview with the MBRS-RI SE Program Director, Dr. Bernstein, (646-3823, mbernste@nmsu.edu). Have Dr. Bernstein sign and date your interview record.