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TO: Main Campus Faculty, Chairs, Deans, and Department Administrators

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SUBJ: 2026 Summer Research for Nine-Month Faculty

The 2026 summer research period will be May 17, 2026 through August 8, 2026. The [2026 Summer Search Guidelines](#) have been published on the Office for Academic Personnel website. For academic year (9-month contract) appointed faculty, the University of New Mexico allows for the maximum of an additional 3/9ths of a faculty member’s academic year salary to be earned for externally funded scholarship, research, and creative works performed during the summer months.

Summer research payments are based on the faculty member’s institutional base salary (IBS). IBS is defined as the faculty member’s 9-month base salary and does not include special administrative components, overloads, and extra compensation.

Please refer to the definition of [IBS](#) and [2026 Summer Research Guidelines](#) on the Office for Academic Personnel website for additional information regarding 2026 summer research payment limits.

Requests for summer research salary must be processed using the [Summer Research Form](#).

For a faculty member receiving a summer research payment supported by restricted funds for the **first time or that require manual entry**, the summer research form completed within the faculty member’s academic department, is submitted to Contracts & Grants (C&G) for review and approval. C&G will then submit the form directly to the Office for Academic Personnel (OAP) using the Faculty Transaction Portal located on the [OAP website](#) . Forms submitted for manual entry that are supported by restricted funds that do not have C&G approval will be returned to the department prior to processing.

Summer research payments for faculty **who have received summer research funds previously must be processed via EPAF**. You may locate summer research payment EPAF instructions on the OAP website. For assistance with the EPAF process, please contact OAP at faculty@unm.edu or 505.277.4528.

Summer research positions are pooled at the department level. Please use the same pooled position number that was used last summer.

Summer 2026 research compensation deadlines are as follows:

Actual Period of Work	Deadline for Paperwork to Contracts and Grants	Deadline for EPAF/Paperwork to OAP	Payday
May 17 - May 31	May 1	May 4	May 29
June 1 - June 30	May 22	June 1	June 30
July 1 - July 31	June 29	July 6	July 31
Aug 1 - Aug 8	July 31	Aug 7	Aug 31

Summer 2026 research forms submitted after the stated (above) deadlines will require a payroll adjustment form for the applicable payroll period. The adjustment form can be found on Payroll’s website (<https://payroll.unm.edu/resources/payroll-adjustment-and-leave-form.pdf>). For additional information on the 3/9ths rule and example calculations, please refer to the guidelines available on the OAP website (<https://oap.unm.edu/resources/summer-research-guidelines/index.html>)