CAELD Membership Requirements:
Recipients of Regents’, National Scholars, National Hispanic & American Indian Scholars, Presidential, Woodward Scholars, UNM Scholars, and NM Scholars Scholarships
or
Full-time undergraduates with a Cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher
The Center for Academic Excellence and Leadership Development (CAELD) provides programs to enhance the academic, personal, and professional development of high-achieving students at the University of New Mexico. CAELD’s primary mission is to prepare students for their next steps after graduating from UNM, by strengthening each student’s potential to become a competitive candidate for graduate and professional schools, nationally competitive scholarships, and professional opportunities.

CAELD Benefits:

- Resources that link students to research, internship, scholarships, study abroad, and mentoring opportunities
- Information sessions on nationally competitive scholarships
- Preparation for graduate or professional school applications
- Information about eligibility for Honors Societies.

CAELD Programs:

The National & International Scholarships and Fellowships (NISF) program helps students compete for nationally competitive scholarships, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Fulbright, Schwarzman, Gates Cambridge, Truman, Goldwater & Udall scholarships. Students are strongly encouraged to investigate potential opportunities as early as possible to start building a compelling application and resume. <NISF.unm.edu>

Research Match is a database designed to connect students who are looking for research opportunities with UNM faculty who seek student assistants in their research projects. <Research-Match.unm.edu>

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) program aims to increase diversity among faculty members. MMUF provides academic and financial support to students who aspire to pursue a career in academia. <MMUF.unm.edu>

National Society of Leadership & Success (NSLS) is the nation’s largest leadership honor society. The society helps students to build their leadership skills. <www.societyleadership.org>

Road Map to Success

First Year
- Leadership Development
- Community Engagement
- Research Opportunity
- Honors College
- Honors Societies

Sophomore
- Leadership Development
- Community Engagement
- Faculty Mentors
- Study Abroad
- Summer Internship
- Goldwater/Udall Scholarships
- MMUF

Junior
- Leadership Development
- Community Engagement
- Faculty Mentors
- Research Conference
- Study Abroad
- Summer Internship
- Graduate & Professional School Preparation
- NISF Scholarships

Senior
- Leadership Development
- Community Engagement
- Faculty Mentors
- Research Presentation
- Summer Internship
- Graduate & Professional School Preparation
- Honors Societies
- NISF Scholarships