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Los Alamos National Laboratory and UNM collaborate on Tech-Transfer education

Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University of New Mexico have created a program in UNM's Center on Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI) that will give graduate students the opportunity to assist in the transfer of technologies from the Laboratory to the private sector.

The program is expected to attract students from the business and engineering schools at UNM, but is open to all graduate students, who will primarily be involved in feasibility studies, technology assessment, and marketing or business plan development.

“The Laboratory's Technology Transfer Division (TT) is pleased to be a co-developer of this program,” said Donna Smith, TT division leader. “The work from UNM student teams on the commercialization of technology from the Laboratory will augment the data we can already offer the private sector on the value of our technologies. Through its technology licensing programs TT division is dedicated to help create jobs and new businesses in New Mexico and the country.”

The program will allow student teams to choose a licensable technology from the Laboratory and propose a project for furthering its commercialization, such as a marketing plan, under the supervision of a UNM professor and with TT division approval. UNM will receive a stipend from the Laboratory to cover the costs of the student assistantships. Supervision of the program at UNM will be handled by CEI,

directed by Andres C. Salazar, professor and Public Service Company of New Mexico chair in Microsystems, Commercialization and Technology.

“We are happy that Los Alamos has decided to participate in this technology commercialization program with UNM,” said Anderson Schools of Management Dean and Professor Charles Crespy. “It provides a challenging way for ASM students to assist in the transfer of world-class licensable technologies from the Laboratory.”

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