Connect New Mexico offers young professionals the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills, learn how New Mexico’s systems and structures work, and explore the issues facing the state.

**THE PROGRAM**

Connect New Mexico is 6 months in duration, each session focuses on leadership skill development and the opportunity to learn about the statewide operations of a variety of systems and structures in the state.

The program encourages participants to cultivate new ideas and techniques and to develop solutions to some of New Mexico’s most pressing issues. Participants are also introduced to recognized leaders who provide insight into a wide-range of issues and topics. Each session features speakers who are acknowledged leaders in their specific fields and participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussion with them. The program offers the opportunity for inquiry, analysis, and the development of solutions to the most pressing issues facing our communities and the state.

The program creates a bond between young professionals, the communities they live in, and the State of New Mexico. It provides participants with tools they can take back to their communities to develop positive change and improve the state’s quality of life.

**RECRUITMENT & SELECTION**

Each year, Connect New Mexico involves 40-45 young professionals, ages 25-40, from throughout the state. Each applicant must be nominated by a Leadership New Mexico graduate and there is a strong focus on diversity when selecting the class: i.e. gender, ethnicity, business sector and geographic location.

**TUITION**

Tuition for the program is $1,600 and covers all program costs, transportation during sessions, and meals. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the session locations and hotel accommodations. A limited number of scholarships are available for those requiring financial assistance. A request for scholarship assistance does not affect selection into the program.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

MARCH 15, 2020

**2020-2021 DATES & LOCATIONS**

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