

Accreditation: Criterion 4

Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge: *The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff, and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission*

University research is an integral part of the educational experience of undergraduate and graduate students. NMSU's research programs continue to gain national and international recognition and have had a **significant impact** on the state's economic development. NMSU encourages collaboration with other universities, state and federal agencies, national labs, tribal colleges, private industry and other organizations.

NMSU strives to **balance support** for cluster research with support for individual faculty members as they pursue their own research agendas and professional aspirations. The direction of NMSU's Research Clusters will likely be modified and re-conceptualized as faculty become more directly engaged in cluster activities.

NMSU's commitment to breadth of knowledge is evident in the comprehensive nature of its general education program, including its upper division Viewing a Wider World courses. We continue to refine our **general education assessment strategies** as part of our commitment to quality and excellence in undergraduate education.

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