Department of English

# Graduate Student Deadlines AY 2026-27

| For All Graduate Students | | |
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| **Date** | **Description** | **Task / *Form*** |
| 11/1/26 | | Last date to defend MA Portfolios, MFA, and PhD Dissertations for Fall 2026 graduation |
| 11/15/26 | | All paperwork due to GS for all students planning to graduate Fall 2026 |
| 12/2/26 | | *Independent Study Proposal* approved by Graduate Chair for Spring 2027 independent study |
| 1/30/27 | | Teaching assistantship application, for grad students without TAship |
| 1/30/27 | | Teaching assistantship extension requests, for grad students who wish to exceed their TAship limits, Fall 2027 or Spring 2028 |
| 4/2/27 | | Last date to defend MA Portfolios, MFA, and PhD Dissertations for Spring 2027 graduation |
| 4/15/27 | | All paperwork due to GS for all students planning to graduate Spring 2027 |
| 5/10/27 | | *Independent Study Proposal* approved by Graduate Chair for Summer & Fall 2027 independent study |
| 5/14/27 | | English Department Graduation Ceremony |
| 7/1/27 | | Last date to defend MA Portfolios, MFA, and PhD Dissertations for Summer 2027 graduation |
| 7/15/27 | | All paperwork due to OGS for all students planning to graduate Summer 2027 |
| 8/12/27 | Save the date | Mandatory All Graduate Student Orientation |

| For MA Students | | |
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| **Date** | **Description** | **Task / *Form*** |
| 9/2/26 | At the latest two weeks before exam | Announcement of MA Exam (Medieval Studies) |
| 9/21/26 | 3rd Monday in September | Medieval Studies MA Exam |
| 10/1/26 | | *Program of Studies Form* to Grad Studies for MAs planning to graduate Spring 2027 |
| Mid-October | | New R&W graduate students should have met with preliminary faculty mentors for advisement |
| 12/6/26 | End of penultimate semester | Portfolio proposal to COS for expected graduation spring 2027 |
| 2/1/27 | At least two weeks before exam | Announcement of MA Exam (Medieval Studies) |
| 2/15/27 | 3rd Monday in February | Medieval Studies MA Exam |
| 3/1/27 | Mid way 2nd semester | *Appointment of COS form* for all MAs |
| 3/15/27 | 9th week of final semester | Submit portfolio to COS (All MAs) for spring 2027 graduation |
| 4/1/27 at the latest | At least two weeks before defense | Announcement of MA portfolio (exam) defense |
| 7/1/27 | | *Program of Studies Form* to Grad Studies for MAs planning to graduate Fall 2027 |

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| For MFA Students | | |
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| **Date** | **Description** | **Task/*Form*** |
| 11/20/26 | At least two weeks before exam | *Announcement of Examination form* for students taking comprehensive exams Fall 2026 (expected Spring 2027 graduation) |
| 12/7/26 | End of penultimate semester | MFA exams (expected Spring 2027 graduation) |
| 12/12/26 | After passed exam, before end of penultimate semester | *Appointment of Dissertation Committee (department)*<br>*Application for Candidacy Forms* to Graduate Studies (expected Spring 2027 graduation) |
| 3/15/27 | At least two weeks before defense | *Announcement of Examination form* for students defending their dissertation for Spring 2027 graduation |
| No later than 4/4/27 | | Defend dissertation for Spring 2027 graduation |
| 4/15/27 | | Submit dissertation & documents for Spring 2027 graduation |
| 4/21/27 | Two weeks before exam | *Announcement of Examination Form* to Grad Studies for students taking comprehensive exams Spring 2027 (expected Fall 2027 graduation) |
| 5/2/27 | End of penultimate semester | MFA exams (expected Fall 2027 graduation) |
| 5/8/27 | End of 4th semester | *Appointment of COS Form* |
| 5/8/27 | After passed exam, before end of penultimate semester | *Appointment of Dissertation Committee (department)*<br>*Application for Candidacy Form* to Graduate Studies in Fall 2026 (expected Fall 2027 graduation) |

| For PhD Students | | |
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| **Date** | **Description** | **Task/*Form*** |
| | Two weeks before prospectus defense | *Appointment of Dissertation Committee Form* |
| 9/1/2026 | 6 months after passing comp exams | PhD prospectus completed and defended (for PhD students who passed comprehensive exams in Spring 2026) |
| | After prospectus defense | *Prospectus Defense Form*<br>Submitted by committee chair |
| 9/1/26 | At least two weeks before exams | *Announcement of Examination Form* for students taking Fall comp exams |
| 9/1/26 | At least two weeks before exams | Submit English Department application for Comprehensive Exams to the ACGS |
| 9/14, 9/21, 9/28/2026 | 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays of Sept. | Fall PhD Comprehensive Exams |
| 12/7/26 | End of semester before defense | *Application for Candidacy Form* for students defending dissertation in Spring 2027 (GS recommends filing right after passing comps) |
| 1/15/27 | At least two weeks before exams | *Announcement of Examination Form* for students taking Spring comp exams |
| 1/15/27 | At least two weeks before exams | Submit English Department application for Comprehensive Exams to the ACGS |
| 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/27 | 2nd, 3rd, 4th Mondays of February | Spring PhD Comprehensive Exams |
| 3/15/27 | At least two weeks before defense | *Announcement of Examination form* for students defending their dissertation for Spring 2027 graduation |
| No later than 4/4/27 | | Defend dissertation for Spring 2027 graduation |
| 4/15/27 | | Submit dissertation & documents for Spring 2027 graduation |
| | Two weeks before prospectus defense | *Appointment of Dissertation Committee Form* |
| 4/1/27 | 6 months after passing comprehensive exams | PhD prospectus completed, for PhD students who passed comp exams in Fall 2026 |

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| For PhD Students continued | | |
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| | After prospectus defense | *Prospectus Defense Form* |
| 5/9/27 | End of 2nd semester | *Appointment of COS Form* (exam committee, not Dissertation committee) |
| 5/9/27 | End of semester before defense | *Application for Candidacy form* for students defending dissertation in Fall 2027 (GS recommends filing right after passing comps) |

| Funding Deadlines: English Department | |
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| Ongoing | Reach out to Department Chair about possible GA opportunities throughout the year and especially for summer. |
| 9/11/26<br><br>3/5/27 | English Research and Travel Grant<br>https://english.unm.edu/forms/travel_grad.php<br>Apply only in semester of travel. |
| 4/1/27 | Departmental Scholarship Applications due (web application)<br>Student Scholarship Application - GRAD (TBA by email) |
| Early March | A&S Teaching Award for Excellence Applications<br>(Departmental Nominations Process applications ~2/19/27) |

| Funding Deadlines: Graduate Studies | |
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| Fall 8/31/26<br>Spring 11/30/26<br>Summer 4/30/2027 | Doctoral Conference Presentation Award<br>for conferences held between Aug 1 to Dec 31, 2025; Jan 1-May 3, 2026 and June 1-July 31, 2026 (Student applies directly)<br>http://grad.unm.edu/funding/research-travel-grants/doc-conference-award.html |
| Fall: 8/31/26<br>Spring 11/30/26<br>Summer: 4/30/27 | Clarence & Emily Rogers Research Scholarship (student applies directly)<br>Clarence & Emily Rogers Research Scholarship :: \| The University of New Mexico |
| ~ 4/1/27 | American Association of University Women (Santa Fe) Scholarship<br>http://grad.unm.edu/funding/scholarships/aauw-santa-fe.html |
| 3/1/2029 | Tom L. Popejoy Dissertation Prize nominations due (3-year rotation)<br>https://grad.unm.edu/funding/awards-honors.html |
| 3/6/27 (first Friday of March) | Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (English Department pre-selection deadline: February 2/19/2027)<br>http://grad.unm.edu/funding/fellowships/deans-fellowship.html |

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| Check for deadlines on website | PNMGC Graduate Student Mentor Scholarship<br>https://pnmgc.unm.edu/mentorship/Peer%20Mentorship%20Program.html |
| 4/25/27 | Graduate Research Supplement (English Department pre-selection due Early April)<br>http://grad.unm.edu/funding/research-travel-grants/research-supplement.html |
| 8/25/26<br>For Fall 26<br><br>1/29/27<br>For Spring 27 | Graduate Student Success Scholarship. Departmental nomination required: http://grad.unm.edu/funding/scholarships/student-success.html<br>* English Department internal deadline is: 8/14/2026 for Fall 1/15/2027 for Spring |
| 4/23/27 | The Glenda Lewis Critical Race Scholar Award. Departmental nomination required: The Glenda Lewis Critical Race Scholar Award :: \| The University of New Mexico<br>* English Department internal deadline is 4/14/27 |

| Funding Deadlines: GPSA | |
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| GPSA funding is now handled through their own application system at https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html. Updated application deadlines will be posted there when they become available (August/September). You will need to create a login and password for the new system. | |
| **Date** | **Description** |
| Fall: ~TBA see website | Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF)<br>https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html |
| Fall: ~TBA<br>Spring: ~TBA | New Mexico Research Grants (NMRG) – Fall only<br>https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html |
| Fall: ~TBA<br>Spring: ~TBA | Prof. Development Grants (PDG) – Fall, Spring, and Summer<br>https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html |
| Fall: ~TBA<br>Spring: ~TBA | Student Research Grants (SRG) – Fall, Spring, and Summer<br>https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html |

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| Contact GPSA | Graduate Summer Scholarship (GSS)<br>Updated link: https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html |

| Funding Deadlines: University and Beyond | |
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| **Date** | **Description** |
| Open yearly on June 1 See website | Alumni Association Scholarships<br>UNM Alumni Connect - Scholarship FAQs |
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| ~Early March but check website early in the spring | Bilinski Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship<br>http://artsci.unm.edu/for-students/fellowships/index.html |
| (Check in February 2027) | UNM Parent Association Scholarships<br>http://parentassociation.unm.edu |
| ~Early May, but check website early spring | Center for Southwest Research Fellowships<br>http://elibrary.unm.edu/cswr/fellowships.php |
| Check website in early April for deadline | Center for Regional Studies Fellowships<br>Graduate Student Fellowships :: Center for Regional Studies \| The University of New Mexico |

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