



UNM HOSTS 2023 MSIPP TECHNICAL MEETING

The University of New Mexico (UNM) welcomed over 150 attendees to the 2023 Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP) Technical Meeting from May 2nd – May 4th in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The three-day event, attended by partners from 56 Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) and 14 DOE/NSA facilities, provided opportunities to discuss consortia best practices with a diverse and talented community.

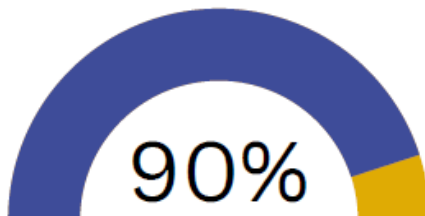
Mr. Frank Rose, Principal Deputy Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NSA), provided an overview on the mission and strategic plan, and shared insights on continued collaborations with the MSI Partnership Program (MSIPP). He focused on the global security environment, meeting complex challenges of non-proliferation, and the future of developing and supporting a diverse, world-class STEM workforce.

UNM offered a welcoming forum for networking and collaboration throughout the duration of the meeting. MSIPP consortia institutions and partners immersed themselves in the dynamic and enriching environment, where they engaged in productive discussions, fostered meaningful connections, and collectively explored innovative approaches to address challenges and drive progress in their respective fields. Presentations were given by federal staff, MSI faculty members, students, and research partners to share information, showcase accomplishments, and highlight opportunities. Participants were also invited to attend interactive tours of the Sandia National Laboratories, the University of New Mexico, and the Nuclear Museum.

Following the session, attendees provided feedback on the Technical Meeting via an anonymous survey. Results reflected overall enjoyment of the event and indicated that participants were satisfied with the event's content along with networking and information sharing opportunities. Annual Technical Meetings connect and strengthen the community of MSIPP, provide opportunities to highlight research accomplishments, and showcase our talented and diverse student population.



98.14% were satisfied with the Technical Meeting's opportunities for networking



Agreed the Technical Meeting provided a diverse range of perspectives and insights from different institutions and sectors



Highlights



TOURS OF SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

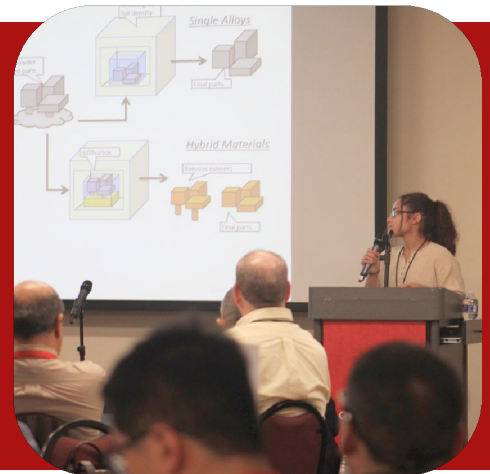
The University of New Mexico invited attendees to view the campus and the Engineering Center and offered a Student Social opportunity where UNM students met with MSIPP collaborators and consortia partners.

Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) presented enrichment activities for attendees on the history of nuclear power, exposed participants to multiple accomplishments in advanced manufacturing, and provided an exploration of the National Solar Thermal Test Facility.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Consortia collaborators identified 10 students to showcase their current research projects, augmenting the partnerships with Nuclear Security Enterprise (NSE) facilities.

Additionally, four students were chosen from the University of New Mexico to present their research projects and share their successes.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The Technical Meeting concluded with three breakout sessions focused on current consortia practices and federal requirements.

During these sessions, partners provided feedback on highlighting accomplishments and student impacts, streamlining processes, and improving engagement while strengthening the mission of MSIPP.



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