International Studies Institute 2025-2026 William J. Cunningham International Public Service Scholarship

The International Studies Institute (ISI) announces its annual competition for the International Public Service Scholarship. Made possible by a generous gift from UNM alumnus William J. Cunningham (B.A. 1948, M.A. 1950), the scholarship seeks "to encourage future generations to dedicate their careers, their vocations, and their legacies to service of the common good" and support students willing "to commit themselves to civil service for the public interest." ISI will award one scholarship in the amount of $1,000 for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Eligible applicants must be continuing undergraduate students at UNM with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who intend to prepare for a career in international public service. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in East Asian Studies or International Studies with an emphasis on Asia.

Application Checklist:

- Cover sheet with your name, address, phone number, email address, intended semester and year of graduation, names and email addresses of your two UNM faculty recommenders;
- 500-750 word narrative describing: (1) your program of studies, (2) your interest in and intent to prepare for a career in international public service (broadly defined to include diplomatic careers at the level of nation state; intergovernmental organizations; international financial institutions; non-military, non-intelligence federal agencies in the international field; international broadcasting agencies; NGOs), and (3) your plans for using the scholarship funds;
- Your current unofficial UNM transcript;
- Two letters of recommendation from UNM faculty members (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor; Lecturer I, II, or III; or a TA teaching a lower division language class), to be submitted by your recommenders as an e-mail attachment (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) to the address below.

Application must be submitted electronically to isi@unm.edu.
(.doc, .docx, or .pdf file format; file name must include your full name)

Questions? Send an email to isi@unm.edu or call 277-1991.

Deadline for all application materials is 4pm on Friday, March 7th, 2025.