

International students succeed at 2026 Graduate Poster Showcase

The University of New Mexico's 2026 Graduate Poster Showcase included a robust representation of international presenters, many of whom were recognized for their projects. The annual competition held in March brings together graduate students from applied and social sciences to innovation and environmental research. This year marked the largest participation in the event's history!

The following international students earned first place: Joshua Yoboah in Applied Science for his research on lung reinflation strategies, Peace Ikwauemesi in Interdisciplinary Research for work on siRNA delivery for sickle cell disease, and Sneha Gupta in Materials for advancing carbon negative cementitious materials through CO₂ mineralization.

"The Global Education Office is incredibly proud of the impact international graduate students are making at UNM," said Linda Melville, Director, International Student & Scholar Services and showcase judge. "Whether in the classroom or the lab, the diversity of thought and experience these students bring to UNM enriches all of us. We are thrilled that they are being recognized for their contributions!"

Somayeh Dadras placed second in Basic Science II, which continues her strong record of research and engagement. She was previously recognized as a finalist in the 2025 LoboBITE competition and presented a Nations Exchanging Dialogue (NED) talk during UNM's celebration of International Education Week.

The Graduate Poster Showcase provides an opportunity for students to present their work, connect with faculty and staff experts, and build confidence in communicating their research.

"I've been involved with the Graduate Poster Showcase since its inception as part of the Shared Knowledge Conference, and each year I am amazed by the quality and diversity of graduate research underway at UNM," said Dr. Sue Wilder, Global Programs Manager and showcase judge. "Graduate students are an integral part of UNM's research mission, and it is always a pleasure to experience the knowledge and passion they share during their poster presentations."