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The Admissions Process

The deadline is always January 15 for the following Fall semester. We do not offer spring admissions.

Contact the Graduate Program Coordinator, **Carla Nielsen, at art255@unm.edu** if you have questions or need assistance.

Application Procedure

ALL application materials must be submitted to the Department Graduate Office by the **January 15 deadline**. Incomplete or late application packets will not be processed. The GRE is not required for admission.

To apply for the MFA program, you need to submit:

- Online application, $50 fee, pay with credit card.* http://www.unm.edu/apply
- Letter of Intent
- CV or Resume
- Artist Statement (no more than one page – upload in Writing Sample section)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation – in the application form, you will be asked to provide the email address of your letter-writers. Please do so; then they will receive an automated email asking them to upload your letter of recommendation and provide a link. This preserves the confidentiality of the process. Your recommenders can be mentors, professors/instructors, supervisors, collaborators, or other people who know you and your art work well.
- Official transcripts from every college or university you have attended, whether you earned a degree there or not. (Unofficial transcripts may also be uploaded during application; official transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office; see below. Electronic delivery is preferred if possible.
- A PDF image portfolio, consisting of 15-20 images that best represent your work. Do not send print portfolios. List the title, medium, dimensions, and date below each image on the same page. If you would also like to include a link to an online portfolio, please feel free to do so. This should be in addition to your PDF portfolio, not instead of it. If you are including video work, please send Vimeo links to excerpts of up to 2 minutes each.
- For international student language proficiency requirements, please visit https://international.unm.edu/english-proficiency.htm
- *For an application fee waiver request (Domestic students), see https://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gs-forms/application-fee-waiver.html

International applicants requesting an application fee waiver should contact **Carla Nielsen at art255@unm.edu; please submit by November 15 via email:** your letter of intent, artist statement, portfolio, and a brief explanation of why you are requesting the application fee waiver. Please note that requests are granted at the discretion of the department. Unfortunately, we cannot grant all re-quests for the application fee waiver.

All these requirements should be uploaded on the application website, but official transcripts will still need to be mailed or digitally delivered to the Admissions Office at **apply@unm.edu** or

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