In order to apply for the Mitchell scholarship you must earn the institutional nomination from the UNM CAELD office. To be considered, submit the UNM Preliminary Application by 11:59 pm, March 10, 2023.

I. Eligibility
- Be U.S. citizens.
- Be at least 18 years of age, but not yet 30 years old on the date of application deadline.
- Have a bachelor’s degree from UNM before beginning study as a Mitchell Scholar.

II. Awards
The Mitchell Scholars program supports one year of graduate study in any discipline offered by an institution of higher learning in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The Mitchell Scholars program provides tuition, housing, cash living expenses stipend, and an international travel stipend.

III. Criteria
Mitchell Scholars program candidates are judged on three criteria:
- **Scholarship** -- Academic excellence and intellectual distinction. Although the Scholars program does not require a minimum GPA, a prospective candidate must have the academic ability and preparation to succeed in a postgraduate program.
- **Leadership** -- An outstanding record of leadership which may be evidenced through a variety of activities and accomplishments. These efforts may be on- or off-campus, local, regional, or global.
- **Commitment to Community and Public Service** -- A record of and sustained commitment to service and community, on-campus, locally, nationally, or internationally.

IV. Objectives of the program
- Introduce and connect generations of future American leaders to the island of Ireland
- Promotes the spirit of community between and among the Scholars and the Irish/Northern Ireland communities
- Deepen the scholar’s understanding of Ireland and the world

V. Partnership Universities
- Dublin City University
- Technological University Dublin
- National University of Ireland, Galway
- Maynooth University
- Queen’s University Belfast
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin
- University of Limerick
- Ulster University
VI. Online Application (After UNM nomination)
1. Personal Statement (1,000 words): address (1) why you want to be a Mitchell Scholar, and (2) why studying in Ireland and/or Northern Ireland makes sense for your future goals.
2. University choices and field of study options - Choose at least 3 programs at 3 different universities, and you may list up to five. Choosing fewer than three can weaken your candidacy.
3. Supporting Documents
   • Passport-style photo
   • All transcripts scanned into a single PDF
   • A scanned your signature
4. Letters of Recommendation (750 words)
   • All candidates are required to provide four letters of recommendation.
   • Of the four letters of recommendation, at least two must be from persons with whom you have done academic work (courses or research).
5. Video Interview – After submitting your application, you will receive information about the required video interview. You will have approximately 72 hours to submit the video interview. The interview will take less than 10 minutes. You will have the opportunity to do practice interviews. Once you start the real interview, you will not be able to pause or take a break. You will see three questions written in text on your screen, and you will respond orally to them in the time allotted. Your responses will be recorded.

VII. Selection Process

UNM Preliminary Application
1. March 10, 2023 – Deadline of the UNM Preliminary Online Application (submit by 11:59 pm)
2. Mid-April – UNM Finalists Announced
3. Late April – UNM Finalists Interview

After UNM Nomination
1. June – August – work on Online Application
2. Late September – All recommendation letters should be submitted by your recommenders.
3. September 28, 2023 (5:00 pm ET) - Application Deadline
4. Semi-Finalist Virtual Interviews: October 30 - November 2, 2023
5. Finalist Interviews: November 18, 2023