SEARLE SCHOLARS PROGRAM: Funding Exceptional Young Scientists

The Searle Scholars Program supports research of outstanding individuals who have recently begun their appointment at the assistant professor level, and whose appointment is their first tenure-track position at a participating academic or research institution. Today, 158 institutions are invited to participate in the Program.

The Program was established at The Chicago Community Trust in 1980 and has been administered by Kinship Foundation since 1996. The Program is funded from the estates of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Searle. Mr. Searle was the grandson of the founder of the world-wide pharmaceutical company, G.D. Searle & Company. It was Mr. Searle’s wish that certain funds be used to support “…research in medicine, chemistry, and the biological sciences.”

Each year 15 new individuals are named Searle Scholars. Awards are currently set at $100,000 per year for three years. Since its inception, 557 Scholars have been named and over $120 million has been awarded. Meet the current Searle Scholars HERE.

ELIGIBILITY: Please read the PROGRAM’S ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA carefully, and contact the sponsor if you have questions about eligibility.

The Searle Scholars Program selection committee is primarily interested in the potential of applicants to make innovative and high-impact contributions to research over an extended period of time.

Applicants for awards which will be activated on July 1, 2017 will be expected to be pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. Applicants should have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2015. The appointment must be their first tenure-track position (or its nearest equivalent) at an invited institution.

The Searle Scholars Program does not ordinarily support purely clinical research but has supported research programs that include both clinical and basic components. Potential applicants who are unsure if their research is appropriate for our Program are encouraged to examine the research interests of present and former Searle Scholars on this website. Applicants who were nominated for awards in the previous competition year but were not awarded may still meet the eligibility criteria for the current competition. Institutions should consult with the scientific director of the Program regarding re-nomination of such individuals.

Questions about scientific aspects of an application or about eligibility should be addressed to the scientific director, other questions should be directed to the administrative and grants coordinator.

THIS IS A LIMITED SUBMISSION GRANT OPPORTUNITY. WSU is invited to nominate one investigator to be considered for this award; therefore, the Office of the Vice President for Research will accept notifications of interest from investigators and select the most competitive two projects to go forward. The deadline for the external application is September 30, 2016.

To be considered, please submit a one-page Letter of Intent and the PI’s abbreviated CV to rifs@wayne.edu by 5 pm on Monday, June 20, 2016. The faculty member selected to apply from WSU will receive access to proposal guidelines after WSU’s Office of the Vice President for Research selects the nominee.