## **SEARLE SCHOLARS PROGRAM: Funding Exceptional Young Scientists**

The Searle Scholars Program is a limited submission award program which makes grants to selected academic and research institutions to support the independent research of outstanding early-career scientists who have recently been appointed as assistant professors on a tenure-track appointment. Grants are \$300,000 for a three-year term with \$100,000 payable each year of the grant, subject to the receipt of acceptable progress reports. Generally, the program makes 15 new grants annually.

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, 163 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, 572 Scholars have been named and over \$124 million has been awarded.

ELIGIBILITY: Please read the <u>PROGRAM'S ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</u> carefully, and contact the sponsor if you have questions about eligibility.

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

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 researcher to go forward. WSU must submit our nomination by June 1, 2017 and the deadline for the external application is September 29, 2017.

To be considered, please submit a *one-page Letter of Intent and the PI's abbreviated CV* to <u>rifs@wayne.edu</u> by 5 pm on May 3, 2017. 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.