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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, 155 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, 527 Scholars have been named and over \$111 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.

Applicants for awards which will be activated on July 1, 2016 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. Candidates should have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2014. 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](#).

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 to go forward. The selected applicant will be provided the username and password to access the application form on the Searle Scholars Program web site. The deadline for the external application is September 30, 2015. **To be considered, please submit a *one page Letter of Intent and the PI's abbreviated CV* to rifs@wayne.edu by 5PM on Monday, September 9, 2015.**