



Research Funding Opportunities

Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences, Class of 2018

CoSA (Committee on Special Awards) deadline: June 21, 2017, 5 PM

Pew submission deadline: October 23, 2017

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS) has been invited by the Pew Scholars Program to nominate one candidate for support by the program. The aim of this program is to support assistant professors of outstanding promise in basic sciences relevant to the advancement of human health. This is an extremely prestigious award. Strong proposals will demonstrate particularly creative and innovative approaches. Previous recipients usually had an extensive publication list that includes at least one, and often more, first author publication(s) in either *Science*, *Nature* (or one of its specialty journals), *Cell*, and/or *PNAS*.

The award provides \$240,000 in flexible support - \$60,000 per year for a four-year period. The applicant is expected to spend no less than 80% of their time on the project described.

Eligibility: *Application is restricted to current Assistant Professors (as of October 23, 2017) who will not have been members of the full-time faculty for more than three years as of July 7, 2017 (not appointed before July 7, 2014) whether or not such appointments were on the tenure track. Individuals who do not already have significant funding support are encouraged to apply.* (Candidates must have been awarded a doctorate in biomedical sciences or medicine.) Applicants with committed awards that overlap for the first two years of the Pew Scholars Program from the Searle Scholars Program, Rita Allen Foundation Scholars, Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award for Medical Scientists, Beckman Young Investigator Program, Ellison New Scholar Award, W.M. Keck Foundation, Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award, and the Kimmel Scholar Award are not eligible. Nor are current candidates for those awards eligible. A complete description of the program, its terms and eligibility requirement may be found at www.pewscholars.org.

"Based on their performance during their education and training, candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to human health. Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and innovative approaches. Candidates whose work is based on biomedical principles, but brings in concepts and theories from more diverse fields, are encouraged to apply. Risk-taking is encouraged. Selection of the successful candidates will be based on a detailed description of the work that the applicant proposes to undertake, evaluations of the candidate's performance, and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards and publications. In evaluating the candidates, the National Advisory Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work."

The selected applicant will be expected to submit a full application to the Pew Scholar's Program by October 23, 2017. In addition to a research description, the full application will require letters of recommendation from:

- applicant's PhD thesis advisor (or, in the case of non-PhD candidates, a member of the professional school faculty)
- applicant's postdoctoral or fellowship mentor(s)
- a scientist who is not at Mount Sinai and not a current collaborator

CoSA Internal Review:

To allow for internal review and selection of ISMMS's nominee, please submit a **single pdf** containing

- 1) NIH style biosketch including the exact date (month & year) and primary department of assistant professor appointment
- 2) two-page statement including the title of proposed research, summary of the project, its specific aims, objectives and innovativeness, the methods to be used and the potential significance of the research for human health. The few references that are essential to the brief statement may be in addition to the two-page limit.
- 3) letter of support from the chair or chief of their department or division
- 4) names of the 3 recommenders: 1) PhD advisor, or professional school faculty member, 2) postdoctoral or fellowship mentor, 3) a scientist who is *not* at Mount Sinai and *not* a current collaborator

and submit to sandra.masur@mssm.edu. The successful ISMMS candidate will be notified by e-mail after CoSA's review of all the applicants.

More information may be found at www.pewscholars.org.

Best regards,

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