

Corporate & Foundation Relations Advancement

Limited Submission Announcement



Searle Scholars Program

Overview:

The Searle Scholars Program makes grants to selected academic and research institutions **to support the independent research of outstanding early-career scientists in the biomedical sciences and chemistry** who have recently been appointed as assistant professors on a tenure-track appointment.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the **assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2018**.
- The appointment must be their **first tenure-track position**.
- Candidates are expected to be pursuing independent research careers in **biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, or related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences**.
- The program does not ordinarily support purely clinical research but has supported research programs that include both clinical and basic components.
- 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.

Award Background:

- **\$300,000** (\$100,000/year over three years)
- **15 awards out of ~170 applicants**
- **The UMass system has been invited to submit ONE proposal.** The President's Office will choose the final nominee from the pool of internal candidates nominated by Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell. (Note: UMass Medical has been invited to submit separately.)
- [Directory of Past Awardees](#) - we strongly recommend reviewing past awards to determine competitiveness.

Deadlines

Internal: May 31, 2019
External: September 27, 2019

Internal Application Process

The University of Massachusetts system has been invited to submit **ONE** proposal for this program. Since this will be drawn from the entire UMass system (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell) the President's Office will choose the final nominee.

The internal process for selecting UMass Amherst's nominee will be informed by the [grant program's guidelines and submission requirements](#) and led by a committee composed of the deans of applicants' respective schools and colleges or their designees and, if appropriate, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research Engagement, and/or faculty with relevant expertise.

If interested, please send the following as a **single PDF** to cfr@umass.edu by **May 31, 2019**:

- 1-2 page research proposal summary:
 - Explain why your proposal is bold. Searle likes projects that are **unlikely to be funded by NIH** for the following reasons: 1) the investigator is young and the goals are too ambitious, 2) the project is too novel, 3) there is no preliminary data or it is something that has been tried and others have failed at it.
 - Explain how your research will have a huge impact if successful.
 - What is your past record - explain briefly how/why you are a "rising star."
 - Assess the [advisory boards' expertise](#) and submit projects that border their expertise.
- Curriculum Vitae
- A list of current and pending support

Additional Information

For additional information, visit [the program's website](#). If you have technical questions on the Searle Scholars Program or your eligibility, please contact [Liz Smith](#) in [Corporate and Foundation Relations](#).

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