Searle Scholars Program

Overview:

The Searle Scholars Program makes grants to selected universities and research centers to support the independent research of exceptional young faculty in the biomedical sciences and chemistry.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2017.
- The appointment must be their first tenure-track position (or its nearest equivalent) at an invited institution.
- 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:
The University of Massachusetts system has been invited to submit ONE proposal. 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 necessary, 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@admin.umass.edu no later than June 22, 2018:

- 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

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 or Michael Stein in Corporate and Foundation Relations.
Please click on the following links for more information on funding opportunities:

Limited Submission Funding Opportunities
On-Campus Funding Opportunities
Funding for New or Early Career Faculty

You can find additional information on the CFR Website:

Private Foundation Limited Submission Opportunities
Grant Writing Tips and Suggestions