Applications for the 2023 Johnson & Johnson WiSTEM²D Scholars Award will open on August 30, 2022, and will close September 30, 2022. The WiSTEM²D Scholars Award Program aims to fuel the development of female STEM²D leaders and feed the STEM²D talent pipeline by awarding and sponsoring women at critical points in their research careers, in each of the STEM²D disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing, and Design.

The awards will fund one woman per discipline who has completed her advanced degree, who is working as an assistant professor, and who is not yet tenured at an accredited university or design institution. The goal is to fuel the research passion of the awarded women and inspire career paths in their respective STEM²D fields.

The Scholars Award is a three-year award in the gross amount of $150,000. Johnson & Johnson does not pay overhead, fringe, tuition, or faculty salary. The award is intended for costs that drive and are related to the research of the application proposal, such as: research consumables, capital equipment, external CRO costs and salary or hourly wage of lab and/or research personnel (to include undergraduate, graduate and postdoc student salaries). The award funding can also be applied to travel, conference attendance, or publication costs as long as they are directly associated to the research proposal within the application.

Complete details can be found at: https://www.jnj.com/wistem2d-university-scholars. The sponsor deadline for full proposals is 1pm MDT on September 30, 2022.

This is a limited competition. Each university and/or academic institute (determined by DUNS number) can support and recommend one applicant per each STEM²D discipline. Therefore, UNM can support a total of 6 applicant submissions, one in each of the disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing, and Design.

We will be conducting a TWO-STEP internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. You must complete both steps if interested in participating.

STEP ONE: Submit a 200-word statement of interest via UNM’s InfoReady Review portal by NOON Wednesday, August 10, 2022, indicating which of the six disciplines you seek to apply to (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing, or Design).

STEP TWO: Submit a 3-page pre-proposal via UNM’s InfoReady Review portal by NOON Tuesday, August 17, 2022. No late submissions will be considered. Judges will use the following criteria to evaluate the applications: 1) Scientific/technical expertise exhibited, 2) Novelty/innovation of the research, 3) Potential impact of the research, and 4) Feasibility of the research.

The pre-proposal should include:
- 1,000-word narrative that includes information about the impact of your research on your area of STEM²D and your own personal impacts as a potential future leader in STEM²D;
a page of images naming your proposed discipline and describing your proposed area of research;
• a 3-page CV with 11-point font; and
• a brief outline of your proposed research budget.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competitions for more information at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu.