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From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Pew Biomedical Scholars Program

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UNM Researchers,

The Pew Biomedical Scholars Program provides funding to young investigators of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of human health. The program makes grants to support the independent research of outstanding individuals who are in their first few years of their appointment at the assistant professor level. The Program is open to individuals with a doctorate in biomedical science, medicine or a related field. As of September 10, 2020, nominees must hold full-time appointments at the rank of assistant professor. On June 15, 2020, candidates must have been in such an appointment for less than three years (not appointed before June 15, 2017), whether or not such an appointment was on a tenure track. Time spent in clinical internships, residencies, or in work toward board certification does not count as part of this three-year limit. 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.

An award of \$75,000 per year will be provided to the sponsoring institution for use by the Scholar over the four-year period, subject to annual review of the Scholar's progress. Grant agreements will be issued in August of the award year. The awarded funds may be used, at the discretion of the Pew Scholar for personnel, equipment, supplies, or travel directly related to the Scholar's research, and to best advance their research and career. Not more than \$12,500 of the annual award may be used for the Scholar's salary (including benefits). Not more than 8% (\$24,000) of the total award may be allocated for overhead costs. It is expected that Pew Scholars will spend at least 80% of their time in work related to the accomplishment of their overall research goals. During the four-year grant term, program participants are required to attend an annual meeting held in March. All eligible expenses for attendees' travel, lodging, and meals are paid by Pew.

Complete program details can be found at <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-biomedical-scholars/program-details>.

This is a limited competition. The University of New Mexico (including HSC and branch campuses) is limited to one nomination. UNM must provide the name of the selected nominee

to the Pew Charitable Trusts by May 18, 2020. The selected nominee's full application will be due to the agency on September 10, 2020.

If you are interested in being considered for nomination, **please submit a 3-page pre-proposal by noon on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 to limited@unm.edu** with the subject line indicating: PEW - your name. No late submissions will be considered.

In the preproposal, please briefly describe:

- Your most significant research contribution to date;
- The most innovative and novel aspects of your proposed research;
- A risky or creative approach you might use in pursuit of your goals;
- How you would benefit from the receipt of a Pew scholarship; and
- Why your particular research is personally significant.

In addition, please include a statement of the project to be undertaken during the award period, its aims and objectives, the methods to be used, and the potential significance of the research. Include a description of how this project fits in your "big picture" plans.

The narrative should be **accompanied by a curriculum vitae and a letter of support from the chair of your department.**

Selection of the successful candidates will be based on the 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, considerable weight is given to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work.

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

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford (CFord@salud.unm.edu) or Cassandra Misenar (CMisenar@salud.unm.edu) for more information.