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Subject: Limited Competition: Searle Scholars Program

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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 who have recently been appointed as assistant professors on a tenure-track appointment. Submissions are restricted to selected candidates from invited institutions only and are not open to individuals who have not been selected by their institution to participate in the competition.

The Searle Scholars Program was founded in 1980. It is administered by Kinship Foundation and is funded through the Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust.

Applicants for the 2023 competition (awards which will be activated on July 1, 2023) are expected to be pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. Applicants should have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2021. The appointment must be their first tenure-track position (or its nearest equivalent) at an invited institution.

Grants are set at \$300,000 for a three-year period, with \$100,000 payable in the first year and equal sums payable in the second and third years, subject to the receipt of acceptable progress reports. Generally, the program makes fifteen new grants annually. More details can be found at <https://searlescholars.org/competition/award-information/>. **The deadline for full proposals to the sponsor is September 30, 2022.**

**This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one application. Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal narrative plus CV (11-point font) by 5pm on Thursday, July 28, 2022 through the [InfoReady Review Portal](#).** No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the nomination narrative. Please provide a description of the proposed research and its significance, as well as the specific areas of research you would like to perform in your laboratory in the next few years. Explain why this work is particularly novel and important. This pre-proposal will be evaluated on the basis of its potential for successful results, its evidence of creativity, and its feasibility and clarity of thought. Pre-applications should be accompanied by a CV.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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