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Founded in 1980, the Searle Scholars Program is funded through the Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust and is administered by the Kinship Foundation. 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 tenure-track appointments. Submissions are restricted; only individuals who have been selected by their invited institutions may participate.

Applicants for the 2024 competition (awards which will be activated on July 1, 2024) 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 appointments as independent investigators at the assistant professor level on or after May 1, 2022.** The appointments must be their first tenure-track position (or its nearest equivalent) at the invited institution.

Grants are set at \$300,000 for a 3-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 15 new grants annually. More details can be found at <https://searlescholars.org/competition/>. The deadline for full proposals to the sponsor is September 29, 2023.

This is a limited competition. Searle considers UNM and HSC a single institution so there will be only 1 application from both campuses. 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 you are interested.**

STEP ONE: Please submit your 200-word **statement of interest** by **NOON on June 21, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step. You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the pre-proposal application, but you can work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

STEP TWO: Submit your 3-page pre-proposal (plus abbreviated budget and 2-page CV for all personnel; 11-point font) by **NOON on July 12, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#).

Pre-proposals should address the major points that will be included in the nomination narratives: 1) a description of the proposed research and its significance, 2) the specific areas of research you would like to perform in your laboratory over the next few years, and 3) why this work is particularly novel and important. Pre-proposals will be evaluated on the potential for successful results, evidence of creativity, and feasibility/clarity of thought.

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

If affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu.