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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. The Searle Scholars Program supports research of outstanding individuals who have recently begun their appointment at the assistant professor level, and whose appointment is their first tenure-track position at a participating academic or research institution. Today, 155 institutions are invited to participate in the Program.

The Program was established at The Chicago Community Trust in 1980 and has been administered by Kinship Foundation since 1996. The Program is funded from the estates of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Searle. Mr. Searle was the grandson of the founder of the world-wide pharmaceutical company, G.D. Searle & Company. It was Mr. Searle's wish that certain funds be used to support "...research in medicine, chemistry, and the biological sciences."

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. Applicants for awards which will be activated on July 1, 2015 will be 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. Candidates should have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2013. The appointment must be their first tenure-track position (or its nearest equivalent) at the invited institution. Grants are currently 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. Normally, fifteen new awards will be made annually. More details can be found at <http://www.searlescholars.net/go.php?id=1>. The deadline for full proposals to the sponsor is Friday, September 26, 2014 (received, not postmarked).

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one application. Please submit your 3-page preapplication narrative (plus CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: SEARLE - your name. No late submissions will be considered. The preapplication narrative should address the major points that will be included in the nomination narrative (Provide a description of 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. The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of its potential for successful results and for its evidence of creativity, as well as for feasibility and clarity of thought.) Pre-applications should be accompanied by an abbreviated CV. The scoring will be weighted as follows: preapplication narrative (70%) and abbreviated PI CV (30%).

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Susan De Los Santos (sdelossa@unm.edu or 277-0272) or Monica Fishel (mlfishel@unm.edu or 277-8114).

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