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The Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences provides funding to young investigators of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of human health. The program makes grants to selected academic institutions 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 or medicine. As of November 16, 2015, nominees must hold full-time appointments at the rank of assistant professor at one of the invited sponsoring institutions. On July 16, 2015, candidates must have been in such an appointment for less than three years (not appointed before July 16, 2012), 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 \$60,000 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 2016. 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 as to best advance their research and career. Not more than \$10,000 of the annual award may be used for the Scholar's salary (including benefits). Not more than 8% 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. More details can be found at <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-biomedical-scholars/program-details#eligibility>. UNM must provide the name of the selected nominee to the Pew Charitable Trusts by July 15, 2015. The selected nominee's full application will be due to the agency on November 16, 2015.

**This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one nomination. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Monday, June 15, 2015 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: PEW - your name.** No late submissions will be considered. The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative (a detailed description of the work the applicant proposes to undertake and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards and publications. Candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to human health on the basis of their performance during their education and training; demonstrate particularly creative and innovative approaches; and evidence that they are an independent investigator with significant published work). The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**. The scoring will be weighted as follows: proposal narrative (70%), draft budget overview (10%), and abbreviated PI CV (20%).

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Monica Fishel ([mlfishel@unm.edu](mailto:mlfishel@unm.edu)).

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