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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Searle Scholars Program

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The Searle Scholars Program makes grants to selected academic institutions to support the independent research of outstanding early-career scientists who have recently been appointed as assistant professors and whose appointment is their first tenure-track position at a participating academic or research institution. 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 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."

Applicants for awards which will be activated on July 1, 2016 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, 2014. 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://searlescholars.net/eligibility>. The deadline for full proposals to the sponsor is Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

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 Thursday, July 16, 2015 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 attached is a sample application to provide an advance view of the questions that will appear on the online application. NOTE: This is NOT the actual application form. Please do *not* complete and submit this form.)*

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Monica Fishel (mlfishel@unm.edu or 277-8114).

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford at 272-6950 for more information.

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APPLICATION GUIDE

Abstract

Applicant's Name: _____
Last *First* *MI*

Institution Where
Award will be Held: _____

Title of Proposed Research:

Please provide an abstract (**approx limit 2,760 characters**) which summarizes the proposed research and its significance.

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Major Areas of Doctoral
and Post-Doctoral Research: _____

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Application Questions

1. Applicant Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>

2. Title of Proposed Research

3. Does the proposed research involve:

Human subjects?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Recombinant DNA?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Warm-blooded animals?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4. Physical Mailing Address (also indicate office location at affiliated institution)

<input type="text"/>		
<i>Number and Street</i>		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Postal Code</i>

4a. Office Telephone Number

<input type="text"/>
<i>Area Code Number</i>

4b. E-Mail Address

4c. Lab Website

5. Name of Institution Where Award is to be Held

5a. Division and/or Department

6. If institution which is to receive award differs from above, include expected affiliation below:

7. Present Position (Title)

7a. Position on desired start date (if different from #7)

Please note that endorsement (signing off on the application) will take place when formally entering the nominees in our online system on September 1.

Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

8. Date of Birth

Year, Month, Day

9. Education (list most recent training first, include any post-doctoral experience and note with Postdoc 1 and Postdoc 2 when applicable)

Institution (abbreviate as needed)	Degree (i.e. PhD)	Dates Attended (Yr μ Yr)	Supervisor Name	Area of Concentration

10. Professional Experience (begin with most recent, include any internships and residencies)

Name and Location	Occupation/Title	Name of Supervisor	From Mo/Yr	To Mo/Yr

11. Professional/Academic Honors (approx limit 900 characters)

Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

12. Please list the title of your doctoral dissertation, if submitted, and provide a brief summary of the dissertation and its importance to its field of study (**approx limit 1,848 characters**).

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13. If applicable, please provide a brief summary of your post-doctoral research, including its importance to its field of study (**approx limit 1,220 characters**).

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Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

14. Anticipated Activities during Award Period (percent effort out of 100):

Year	Research	Teaching	Other (Specify)
1			
2			
3			

15. Other Sources of Support (awarded or pending): Give title, term, amount, sponsor, and relationship to current proposal. Indicate whether amount covers direct or direct plus indirect costs. Please note that the Searle Scholars Program has no restrictions regarding the use of funding from other sources of support (**approx limit 3,477 characters**).

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Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

17. Facilities Available to Conduct Research (i.e. lab location and amenities) (**approx limit 2,562 characters**).

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Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

18. REFERENCES: We request a minimum of **three** letters of reference and completed cover forms; including **one each from your doctoral and post-doctoral mentors** or from similarly placed individuals who are acquainted with your research, achievement, and potential. It is preferred that the letters and cover forms come from outside the institution which would receive the award. In addition, your department chair should submit a statement which details the department's commitment to your research. If your department chair was also your doctoral or post-doctoral mentor, please facilitate submission of an additional reference cover form and letter. Below, please include the contact information for these individuals. All of the cover sheets (reference and chair statement) should be completed on the forms provided by our Program which may be downloaded on our new system and should be submitted in hard copy by courier service or by scan and email to application@searlescholars.net and contain **original signatures, no digital or electronic signatures please**. These supporting documents must be **received** in our office no later than **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**.

Department Chair

Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____ Dept/Div: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Referee 1

Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____ Dept/Div: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Referee 2

Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____ Dept/Div: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Referee 3

Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____ Dept/Div: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Referee 4 (if department chair was also doctoral or post-doctoral mentor)

Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____ Dept/Div: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

- 19a. PUBLISHED WORKS LISTING:** List all of your authored and published works and **provide hyperlinks to the internet pages of no more than five published papers** which you believe exemplify your scientific abilities (approx limit 7,686 characters, 3 pages).

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- 19b. LISTING AND SUMMARY OF WORKS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION:** For any papers submitted but not yet published, please include the date of submission in your listing **and no more than a one-page summary of what was submitted in the continuation pages included within the application (approx limit 5,124 characters, 2 pages).**

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- 19c.** If you have not published any papers in the last two years, please provide a brief explanation of why in the space provided below (**approx limit 732 characters**).

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- 19d.** **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:** Please comment on the importance for each of the five or fewer selected papers of which you provided a hyperlink to the paper in item 19a. Where there are multiple authors, please describe your contribution to the design and execution of the project and to the analysis of the results and the preparation of the manuscript (continuation pages are provided within the application). **Please do not exceed the space provided (approx limit 4,087 characters, 1 ½ pages).**

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Title of Proposed Research

20. **BUDGET:** It is not necessary for you to provide a budget at this time. Awarded applicants will be asked to provide a budget to account for the costs for each of the three years of the award. For more information on allowable costs, please consult the [Program/Award Information](#) section on our website.
21. **RESEARCH PROGRAM:** Using **only** the space provided, give an overview of the specific areas of research you would like to perform in your laboratory in the next few years. Please explain why this work is particularly novel and important (**approx limit 2,318 characters**).

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Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

22. **RESEARCH PROPOSAL:** The prime objective of the Searle Scholars Program is to support the career development of early-career scientists with outstanding potential. Part of the assessment of candidates is a review of research that might be undertaken as a Searle Scholar. Describe, in greater detail, a part of the research included in item 21. The research 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. The proposal may overlap research for which other funds, outside of the Searle Scholars Program, are available or are being sought. Funds awarded by the Program are not intended to replace grants or awards obtained from another funding source but may be used to supplement on-going research. Please insert figures as necessary within your proposal below. A bibliography should follow your proposal within the space provided (**approx limit 8,174 characters, 4 ½ pages**).

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Applicant Name: (Last, First MI)

Title of Proposed Research

23. CAREER GOALS (approx limit 976 characters).

DO NOT COMPLETE