



2017 Searle Scholars Program

Call for Nominations

Internal preliminary deadline: June 27

If selected, Sponsored Programs deadline: Sept. 23

Sponsor deadline: 5 p.m. CDT Sept. 30

The [Searles Scholars Program](#) is a limited competition supporting outstanding junior faculty in their first or second year, who were appointed as tenure-track assistant professors on or after July 1, 2015, and are pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. This Program does not ordinarily support purely clinical research but has supported research programs that include both clinical and basic components.

The Searle selection committee is primarily interested in the potential of the applicant to make innovative and high-impact contributions to research over an extended period of time. This is a scholar start-up award, not a typical NIH or NSF-style project grant. The Searle Award is driven by two factors:

- 1) The training pedigree of the candidate including impact of previous publications (a typical successful candidate has at least one publication in *Science*, *Nature*, or *Cell*).
- 2) Having a unique angle, tool, and/or skill with which to address an important question in biology. Candidates must think broadly and share a long-term vision of how he/she will change the field.

Potential applicants who are unsure if their research is appropriate for the program are encouraged to examine the research interests of present and former Searle Scholars [here](#).

The award provides \$100,000/year for three years (\$300,000 total). FAU is invited to submit **one** nomination. Nominations are due to limited@fau.edu by Monday, June 27, 2016. Please see nomination process below.

Eligibility:

A detailed description of the Program and additional eligibility requirements can be found online [here](#).

Eligibility requirements (partial list):

- Applicants 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 first tenure-track appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2015.

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Nomination Process:

The foundation allows FAU to make only **one** nomination. If you would like to make a nomination, please send the following to limited@fau.edu in a single, .pdf document no later than Monday, June 27, 2016:

- A letter of nomination from the department chair;
- A two-page summary prepared by the nominee including: (1) an overview of the specific areas of research he/she would like to perform in his/her lab over the next few years, (2) why this work is particularly novel and important and (3) a part of that research program that might be undertaken as a Searle Scholar; and
- The candidate's 2-3 page biographical sketch.

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