Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences

http://www.pewhealth.org/biomedical-research/pew-biomedical-scholars-327805

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.

Based on their performance during their education and training, candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to human health. Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and innovative approaches.

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. Selection of the successful candidates will be based on a detailed description of the work that the applicant proposes to undertake, evaluations of the candidate’s performance, and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards and publications. In evaluating the candidates, the National Advisory Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work.

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.

Note that funding from the NIH, other government sources, and project grants from non-profit associations do not pose a conflict with the Pew Scholars Program.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must have been awarded a doctorate in biomedical sciences, medicine, or a related field.
- As of November 1, 2015, nominees must hold full-time appointments at the rank of Assistant Professor.
- On July 1, 2015, candidates must have been in such an appointment for less than three years (not appointed before July 1, 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 may be nominated by their institution two times in total.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION

One nominee from each institution is allowed.

KEY DATES
SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in this funding opportunity are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Click here to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-Pew-2016”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6502260_1-t_rnEPHKfg
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.

SUBMITTING AN INTERNAL PROPOSAL
If interest exceeds the number of submissions the university is allowed, invitations to submit internal proposals will be sent to all faculty who submitted an LOI. Proposals should be prepared with 1/2 inch margins, all around, 11 point font size and type and are required to contain the following components:

1. Cover page with descriptive title and name of the PI (one page, max).
2. Lay summary (non-technical) that clearly articulates your proposal to colleagues outside your field (one page, max).
3. Description of proposed research (three pages, max). Include a statement of the project to be undertaken, its aims and objectives, the methods to be used and the potential significance of the research. The description must include 1-2 paragraphs describing how the particular project fits your “big picture” plans.
4. Self-assessment: A brief description of your most significant research contribution to date, highlighting creativity and risk-taking aspects of the proposed research, a statement of how you and your research would benefit from receipt of the Pew Scholarship and why your research is personally significant to you (one page, max).
5. List of three selected publications and a brief summary of the importance of each (1/2 page, max).
6. NIH-style Biosketch that includes all of the NIH-required components plus pending research support (5 pages, max).
   a. If there is no research support for a particular category (i.e., past, current, or pending), indicate, “None”.
   b. For each past, current, and pending research support, include the following components:
i. Award number, dates, and amount
ii. Role, sponsor, title, and goals
iii. Description of any potential scientific overlap with the current proposal or indicate “no overlap”.

7. **Recommendation letter** from your department/division chair. This letter signifies that the Chair has ensured that the nominee and the application are likely to be of sufficient quality to be competitive nationally.

8. **List of three references** as required by Pew (graduate school advisor or for non-Ph.D.s, a member of the professional/medical school faculty where you studied), postdoctoral advisor (or for non-Ph.D.s, a member of your clinical or fellowship training program), and a scientific reference from an individual in your field (who is not a current collaborator, not from NU, and not a former fellowship advisor). For each reference indicate her/his title, affiliation, and most notable awards/honors.

Prepare your proposal as a SINGLE PDF FILE. It should be named "LastName-FirstInitial-Pew-2016," replacing "LastName" with your last name and "FirstInitial" with your first initial.

**UPLOADING THE INTERNAL PROPOSAL**

1. Click on the Vault ticket provided in the email inviting you to submit the internal proposal.
2. Click the Upload button.
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Note: Vault access will expire after the deadline, as such late submission is not possible. Also, the Vault system does not allow you to overwrite an upload. If you need to upload a revised proposal BEFORE the deadline, contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu.

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (vehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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