

Call for Nominations

Limited Submissions Committee

Tufts University

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2018 Pew Biomedical Scholars

*****PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE (1) CANDIDATE FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED*****

Self-nominations are not permitted. Nominations must come from a department chair or other senior researcher with whom the nominee has worked.

DEADLINES:

Tufts Internal Deadline: June 12

Sponsor Nominations Deadline: October 23

If you are interested in making a nomination to recognize an outstanding young scientist, please send an email to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered. The email should include:

- Nominee's name, date of birth, title, contact information, and disciplinary category.
- Nominator's name, title, and contact information.
- Nominator's Rationale for Nomination (200-word maximum).
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae (4-page maximum, PDF).
- Nominee's Research Summary (1,000-word maximum, PDF).

An internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful nominations must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see <http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/>

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

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.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

- Candidates must have been awarded a doctorate in biomedical sciences, medicine or a related field.
- As of Oct. 23, 2017, nominees must hold full-time appointments at the rank of assistant professor. (Appointments such as Research Assistant Professor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor Research Track, Visiting Professor or Instructor are not eligible.)
- On July 7, 2017, candidates must have been in such an appointment for less than three years (not appointed before July 7, 2014), 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. ALL applicants must be nominated by their institution and must complete the 2018 online application.
- If an applicant's university has more than one eligible nominating institution or campus, that applicant may only apply from one institution; they may not reapply in a subsequent year from a different one.

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

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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.

Funding from the NIH, other government sources, and project grants from non-profit associations do not pose a conflict with the Pew scholars program.

AWARD INFORMATION:

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 of the award year. Annual progress reports are required, describing research accomplishments, project status, and future directions. In addition, financial reports are required annually accounting for grant expenditures. Funding for the second, third and fourth years is contingent upon timely submission of acceptable financial and narrative progress reports and attendance at the annual meeting in March during the four-year term.

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 his or her research and career. Not more than \$10,000 of the annual award may be used for the scholar's salary (including benefits). Should the funds not be immediately required, they may be accumulated (up to a maximum of \$100,000 in any given year) and carried over through the four years of the grant period, and, with written approval of the program office, the grant may be extended for one additional (fifth) year (without additional funds). Not more than 8 percent of the total award may be allocated for overhead costs. It is expected that Pew scholars will spend at least 80 percent of their time in work related to the accomplishment of their overall research goals. However, Pew provides flexible support to the overall research aims of the scholar and does not monitor or restrict percentage of effort or time of Pew scholars.

During the four-year scholarship term, program participants are required to attend an annual meeting held in March. All expenses for attendees' travel, lodging, and meals are paid by Pew. The meeting provides Pew scholars with an opportunity to present their research and for scientific collaboration and exchange with other scholars and members of the National Advisory Committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-biomedical-scholars>

NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.