



DATE:	April 08, 2020
TO:	Deans, Directors, and Department Chairs
FROM:	Research Development
SUBJECT:	Call for Pre-proposals from Early Career Biomedical Researchers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pew Biomedical Scholars• Searle Scholars• Mallinckrodt Grant Program
DEADLINE:	April 23, 2020 before 4:30 pm via the InfoReady Portal (https://uvm.infoready4.com/)

Please share this announcement with all eligible faculty from your unit, including new faculty who may not have arrived on campus yet, but who meet the eligibility criteria listed below for the 2021 Pew Scholars, Searle Scholars, and Mallinckrodt Grant Programs.

The University may nominate **one candidate for each** of these programs for Early Career Faculty conducting research in the biomedical and related sciences. (i.e., 1 candidate for Pew Scholars, 1 candidate for Searle Scholars, 1 candidate for Mallinckrodt).

At this time, we are accepting pre-proposals from any eligible faculty member wishing to be nominated. Please carefully review the sponsors' websites for full details and specific eligibility requirements (see below, next page). Pre-proposals will be evaluated by an internal selection committee who will select the most suitable candidate for each of these programs.

Pre-proposal instructions:

- The **pre-proposal narrative** should be no more than **three (3) pages and should**:
 - Specify the program for which you wish to be considered and how you meet the eligibility requirements.
 - Include a research project summary
- **curriculum vitae**
- **letter of support** from the department chair

Combine all documents into and upload single document file through UVM's InfoReady Review portal at <https://uvm.infoready4.com/>

- NOTE: There will be a separate portal link for each program.

The deadline for submitting pre-proposals through the InfoReady portal is April 23, 2020 before 4:30 pm.

Questions? Contact Hilda Alajajian, Grant Resource Specialist (Hilda.Alajajian@uvm.edu

Program Links, Summaries, Evaluation Criteria below:

The Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences

(<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/biomedical-research>)

The Pew Scholars Program supports assistant professors of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of human health. The award provides \$300,000 in flexible support—\$75,000 per year for four years. Candidates must have been awarded a doctorate in biomedical sciences, medicine or a related field. As of September 10, 2020 nominees must hold a full-time appointment at the rank of assistant professor and must not have been appointed as an assistant professor at any institution prior to June 15, 2017, whether or not such an appointment was on a tenure track. Candidates may be nominated by their institution two times in total. Deadline for nomination is May 18, 2020. Deadline for full application is September 10, 2020.

Note: Appointments such as research assistant professor, adjunct assistant professor, assistant professor research track, visiting professor, or instructor are not eligible.

Evaluation criteria for the Pew Scholars Program pre-proposals:

- Applicant's demonstrated promise as a contributor in science relevant to human health
- Applicant's evidence of past success as an independent investigator
- Thoroughness of the description of proposed work
- Creativity and innovation
- Feasibility

The Searle Scholars Program

(<http://www.searlescholars.net/>)

We anticipate a letter of invitation on June 1st and are providing information in this paragraph based on the description from previous years.

The Searle Scholars program supports the independent research of outstanding early-career scientists who have recently been appointed as assistant professors on a tenure-track appointment. Applicants are 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. Grants are \$300,000 for a three-year term with \$100,000 payable each year of the grant. Applicants should have begun their appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 01, 2019 (anticipated date). The appointment must be their first tenure-track position at an invited institution. The anticipated deadline for full application is September 25, 2020 (anticipated date).

Note: We anticipate the invitation letter from the Searle Program to arrive in June.

Evaluation Criteria for the Searle Scholars Program pre-proposals:

- Applicant's demonstrated pursuit of independent research career in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences
- Thoroughness of the description of proposed work
- Creativity and innovation

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- Feasibility

The Mallinckrodt Grant Program

(<http://www.emallinckrodtfoundation.org/Guidelines.html>)

The Mallinckrodt Grant Program supports early-stage investigators engaged in basic biomedical research that has the potential to significantly advance the understanding, diagnosis or treatment of disease. The funds are designed to provide faculty members who hold M.D. and/or Ph.D. degrees, and who are in the first to fourth year of a tenure-track position, with support to move the project forward to the point where R01 or other independent funding can be obtained. Applicants with current R01 funding should not apply. The grant provides \$60,000 per year for a period of up to three years. Deadline for full application is August 1, 2020.

Evaluation criteria for the Mallinckrodt Grant Program pre-proposals:

- Potential for applicant's basic biomedical research to significantly advance the understanding, diagnosis or treatment of disease
- Thoroughness of the description of proposed work
- Creativity and innovation
- Feasibility