February 19, 2020

Dear Deans,

Please consider an early-career researcher nomination from your unit for The William T. Grant Scholars Program. This competition is limited by major divisions of an institution (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, College of Medicine) rather than by institution. **One applicant may be nominated from each major division of an institution each year.** Thus the nomination process will be coordinated by the Deans of the major divisions of the institution (individual schools or colleges). Once a nominee has been selected, the submission process remains the same as always - through Sponsored Project Administration.

**Program Summary**

**Purpose:** career development support for promising early-career researchers to expand their expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas  
**Foundation’s Mission:** to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the U.S.  
**Research Focus Areas:** 1) Reducing inequality in youth outcomes, or 2) Improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people  
**Eligibility:** Applicants must have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application  
**Award Amount and Project Period:** $350,000, distributed over five years  
**Anticipated Number of Awards:** four to six Scholars selected annually  
**Internal Nomination Packet:** April 30, before 4:30 pm.  
**Deadline:** Nominee’s Mentor and Reference Letter Deadline: June 19, 2020, 5:00 PM EST - Application Deadline: July 1, 2020, 3:00 PM EST  
**URL:** [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/william-t-grant-scholars-program)

If you identify a candidate to put forth from your unit please upload a nomination packet into UVM’s InfoReady Portal for Limited Submissions no later than April 30, 2020, 4:30 p.m. The nomination packet should include: 1) Your name as the nomination coordinator; 2) the nominee’s name, primary academic dept. and year of terminal degree; 3) the name of the proposed mentor/s and relevant credentials, expertise, and resources for mentoring the applicant; and 4) a letter of support from the Dept. Chair. **Nomination packets will serve as a way to keep track of the limit of one nominee per major division.** If nominations are received from multiple major divisions, a “Letter of Independence of Multiple Applicants” will need to be supplied from SPA confirming that each applicant is from a distinct major academic division.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can be of further assistance.
Thank you. Hilda ([Hilda.Alajajian@uvm.edu](mailto:Hilda.Alajajian@uvm.edu) or 656-1322)