Pre-Proposals for the MUSC Internal Deadline:  
August 12, 2015 by 5:00 pm EST

The Searle Scholars Program makes grants to selected academic institutions to support the independent research of outstanding individuals who have recently begun their first appointment at the assistant professor level, and whose appointment is a tenure-track position. The Program was established at The Chicago Community Trust in 1980 and has been administered by Kinship Foundation since 1996. The Program is funded from the estates of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Searle. Mr. Searle was the grandson of the founder of the worldwide pharmaceutical company, G.D. Searle & Company. It was Mr. Searle's wish that certain funds be used to support "...research in medicine, chemistry, and the biological sciences." Before making a decision to apply, please carefully review the Searle Scholar's Program website.

Eligibility

Applicants for year 2015 awards 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 appointment as an independent investigator at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2013. The appointment must be a tenure-track position (or its nearest equivalent) at an invited institution.

Pre-proposal Process

Interested applicants should submit pre-proposal packet, including an abstract, department chair's statement, NIH-biosketch, research proposal:

- In the College of Medicine, please send the pre-proposal packet to Helen Snow, Associate Dean of CoM Corporate, Foundation & Organizational Research Relations (snowh@musc.edu).
- All other interested applicants should contact Wanda Hutto, Assistant Director, Office of Research Development, at huttow@musc.edu following the same dates and process.

Pre-proposal should contain:

- **Abstract**: Summarize the proposal research and its significance.
- **Department Chair's Statement**: Describe the applicant’s teaching responsibilities and provide brief comments on the department’s commitment to the applicant.
- **Biosketch**: Include an up-to-date biosketch in NIH format.
- **Research Proposal**: The research proposal, including references, figures, tables and legends, is limited to two pages of single spaced, 11-point type and should outline concisely (1) the aim(s) of the proposed research project(s), (2) the significance of the research goals, (3) the plan of research proposed and the experimental designs, strategies and methods to be used in the conduct of the research. Where applicable include, (4) biostatistical methods used for design and analysis.

The NEW online application website will open on September 1, 2015 and the submission deadline is September 30, 2015.