Pew Scholars in Biomedical Sciences Program

Dear Colleagues,

The Pew Foundation has invited Boston University to submit one nomination for the Pew Scholars in Biomedical Sciences Program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
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 available 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.

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.


ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:

- Candidates must have been awarded a doctorate in biomedical sciences, medicine, or a related field.
- As of October 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 2017 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.
- Funding from the NIH, other government sources, and project grants from non-profit associations do not pose a conflict with the Pew Scholars Program.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

- $60,000 per year for a four-year period ($240,000 total). 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/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.

DEADLINES:
Internal Materials Due: Friday, June 16, 2017
Institutional Nomination Deadline: Friday, July 7, 2017
Sponsor Deadline for Full Application: Monday, October 23, 2017

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS:
Boston University's Charles River and Medical Campuses combined have been invited to submit one nomination. Interested candidates should submit the following materials via InfoReady Review by Friday, June 16, 2017:

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application;
- Letter of recommendation from the appropriate Department Chair or Dean;
- Two-page summary of proposed project;
- Up-to-date CV.

Once the Pew program office has received the completed survey and the name and contact information of the applicant, login information will be emailed directly to the selected applicant. The online application website will open July 21, 2017, and the submission deadline is October 23, 2017.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select the nominee. Foundation Relations will work with the nominee to develop and submit the applicant materials.

Thank you.

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