



Searle Scholars Program

Internal Competition Submission Deadline: 5 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Deadline for UT System-wide Competition: 5pm on Thursday, August 2, 2019

Final Searle Foundation Deadline: 5pm on Friday, September 27, 2019

INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The Searle Scholars Program supports high risk / high reward research in medicine, chemistry, and the biological sciences while encouraging the independent research of outstanding individuals who are in the first or second year of their first tenure-track appointment at the assistant professor level. Additional details of the program can be found [here](#).

The University of Tennessee System has been invited by the Searle Scholars Program to submit two nominations for the 2020 program. UTK, UTC, UTIA, UTM, and UTHSC are each invited to select **one** nominee for this system-wide competition. The current internal competition will select the UTC nominee to the UT System competition. A system-wide committee will select the final two nominees from the candidates put forward by the various campuses and units.

Eligibility

Eligibility is restricted to full-time **assistant professors** who began their first tenure track appointment on or after **July 1, 2018**. Applicants must be pursuing independent research careers in *biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, or related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences*.

Award

The Searle early career grant awards are set at \$300,000 over a three-year period, with \$100,000 payable in the first year and equal sums payable in the second and third years, subject to the receipt of acceptable progress reports. Traditionally, fifteen new awards are made annually.

How to Apply

Faculty members who are interested in submitting a proposal should prepare the following documents and submit them to tracey-woodbury@utc.edu no later than **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 5 PM**.

- Cover page (template below) – signed by the Department Head
- A two-page research proposal summary
- Current C/V – NSF format (2-pages max)

Internal Review and Selection Timeline

The review and selection process will take place under the auspices of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR). The VCR will engage an ad hoc review panel with appropriate expertise to make a recommendation for which proposals should move forward. The VCR makes the final decision regarding which proposals will be submitted to the UT System competition.

Applicants will be notified whether they will move forward to the UT System competition by **Wednesday, July 24**. Full applications to the UT System are due by August 2nd.

Application Cover Page

General Information	
Principal Investigator:	
Department:	
Title of Project:	
Abstract / Summary (100 word limit):	
Funds Requested: \$ <u>300,000</u>	
Rationale: <i>Please include a brief description of how the requested funds will augment or extend your research portfolio.</i>	
Compliance Requirements (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Human Subjects (IRB review needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Use of animals (IACUC review needed) <input type="checkbox"/> Export Control <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Space or IT Resources Needed* <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict of Interest* <i>*Conflict of Interest and Space issues must be resolved prior to submitting the proposal.</i>	
Approval Signatures – PI Department Head	
<i>By signing here, the PI's Department Head agrees to provide general oversight and administrative support for project implementation if the project is selected for funding.</i>	
PI Department Head: _____	
Signature	Date