



2021 Pew-Stewart Scholars Program for Cancer Research

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research Program supports assistant professors of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of a cure for cancer. The award provides \$300,000 in flexible support—\$75,000 per year for a four-year period.

In line with The Stewart Trust's mission to invest in innovative, cutting-edge cancer research that may accelerate and advance progress toward a cure for cancer, applications are invited from nominees conducting cancer research. This program is distinct from the Pew Scholars Program, and it follows a different, but parallel set of guidelines and procedures for nominating an applicant whose research is related to cancer.

For the 2021 award, one nomination will be invited from each of the participating institutions. Participating institutions have been selected on the basis of being recognized as a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center, or as an institution with a strong focus on cancer research.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE 2020 AWARD

- Nominees must have been awarded a doctorate in a field related to biomedical sciences or medicine.
- As of Sept. 3, 2020, nominees must hold full-time appointments at the rank of assistant professor or the equivalent.
 - Appointments such as research assistant professor, adjunct assistant professor, assistant professor research track, visiting professor, or instructor are not eligible.
- On June 15, 2020, candidates must have been in such an appointment for less than three years (not appointed before June 15, 2017). Time spent in clinical internships, residencies, or on parental leave does not count as part of this three-year limit. If a nominee qualifies for an eligibility extension, please contact the program office so we are aware of the circumstances.
- Qualified candidates should be conducting creative, interdisciplinary, basic, or translational cancer research. This program is not designed to fund clinical trial research.

Based on their performance during their education and training, candidates should demonstrate outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to the field of cancer. Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and innovative approaches in cancer research. Candidates whose work is based on biomedical principles, but brings in concepts and theories from more diverse fields related to cancer, 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 Pew-Stewart Advisory Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work

Funding from the NIH, other government sources, and project grants from non-profit associations do not pose a conflict with the Pew-Stewart Scholars Program.

TERMS OF THE AWARD

An award of \$75,000 per year will be provided to the sponsoring institution for use by the Scholar over the four-year period, subject to annual review of the Scholar's progress. Grant agreements will be issued in August of the award year. Annual progress reports are required, describing cancer research accomplishments, project status, and future directions. In addition, financial reports are required annually accounting for grant expenditures. 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-Stewart scholar, for personnel, equipment, supplies, or travel directly related to the Scholar's research and as to best advance his or her cancer research and career. Not more than \$12,500 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 and carried over through the four years of the grant period, and, with written approval of the program office, the grant may 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-Stewart 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-Stewart 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 The Pew Trusts. The meeting provides Pew-Stewart scholars with an opportunity to present their cancer research and for scientific collaboration and exchange with other Pew scholars, Pew fellows and members of the National Advisory Committee.

INTERNAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Letters of Intent are due Friday, May 1, 2020 via email to winshipgrants@emory.edu. Letters of Intent should include the PI's NIH Biosketch, a proposed title for the research project, and a brief 1-2 page abstract of the proposed research project. The selected investigator will be notified and invited to submit a full application by Winship.

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CYCLE COMPONENT

Winship Letter of Intent Due Date:

Winship Announcement of Nominee Selection:

Pew-Stewart Scholars Application Due Date:

DATE

by 5:00 PM EST on Friday, May 1, 2020

by Friday, May 8, 2020

by 5:00 PM EST on Thursday, September 3, 2020

Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to Jeff Mills (404-727-3634 or via e-mail at jeff.mills@emory.edu).