

Searle Foundation

UC Irvine Foundation Relations

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Approaching the Searle Foundation

The Searle Foundation funds early career scientists with the potential to make innovative and high-impact contributions to research over an extended period of time.

Overview: The Searle Foundation supports 15 early career scientists each year through the Searle Scholars Program. Last year the program received 196 applications from 136 selected universities (7.6% funding rate).

Areas of Interest: Biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences.

Eligibility

- Tenure track (or equivalent) position
- First Assistant Professor position began on or after July 1st, 2015
- Supports basic research or combination of clinical and basic research
- Applicants that have already applied for a Searle and were not awarded, must discuss eligibility with the Searle scientific director

Awards

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\$100,000 for three years

Deadlines

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July 11th

**Internal Competition
Deadline**

Fellowship Life Cycle

June 1: Online nomination system opens (2 candidates)

July 11th: Internal competition to select UCI nominees

September 30: All application materials must be submitted

April: Awards will be announced

Nomination & Selection Process

Candidates apply to the Searle Scholars Program internal competition through the UCI Office of Research in July (see email announcement for details). An ad hoc committee selects the top two candidates as UCI's nominees. Nominees submit a full application by Searle's September deadline.

Full Application Proposal Requirements

- Research program description – what areas will the applicant's lab focus on in the next 2-3 years
- Research proposal – description of research project that will be carried out with Searle funding
- Career goals
- 3-5 publications with description of applicant's scientific contributions
- Summaries of dissertation and postdoctoral research
- Budget/budget justification
- Chair statement
- 3 letters of recommendation from leaders in the field
- CV

Characteristics of Successful Candidate

Successful applicants use cutting-edge technologies to answer fundamental research questions in one Searle's areas of interest (see front page). Searle funds early career scientists that have already had significant impact in their field and have the potential for continued scientific success. Applicants must also give a compelling description of how their research will benefit mankind.

UC Irvine Awardees

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2013

Sunil P. Gandhi,
Neurobiology and Behavior

1996

**Kavita Arora, Developmental
and Cell Biology**

1993

Nancy L. Allbritton,
Physiology and Biophysics

Websites

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Searle Scholars Program:

<http://searlescholars.net/go.php?id=1>

UCI Foundation Relations:

<http://grants.give.uci.edu/>