LIMITED SUBMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
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Sponsor:     The Rita Allen Foundation
Program:     2015 Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Award
Internal Review Deadline:   Friday, October 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
Sponsor Deadlines:    December 12, 2014 – LOI Submission Deadline
January 23, 2015 – Application
Nominations allowed by University:   One (1)
Award Amount: Up to $110,000 per year
Duration:      Up to 5 years

This is a limited submission opportunity that requires internal review; please see internal review instructions page 2:

Award Description: The Scholars Program supports research scientists in the early stages of their careers. This will mean a recent appointment at a faculty level. The award targets individuals in the research fields of cancer, immunology and neuroscience. The Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program provides grants to leading medical research institutions selected by the Rita Allen Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee and their board of directors. The Rita Allen Foundation reviews grant proposals by invitation only.

Eligibility: Candidates must have the following to be eligible.
• Be nominated by a selected institution
• Have completed their training and provided persuasive evidence of distinguished achievement or extraordinary promise in research in one of the relevant fields.

Applicants with committed awards that overlap the first two years of the Rita Allen Foundation Scholars Program from the Beckman Young Investigator Program, Ellison New Scholar Award, Kimmel Scholar Award, Pew Scholars Program in Biomedical Sciences, and Searle Scholars Program are not eligible. Other sources of funding may influence selection.

How to Apply
Institutions and nominated candidates will register and complete the necessary information at the following website: https://proposolcentral.altum.com/

The initial grant application (LOI) must be completed by a senior official and should include the following (due by Friday, December 12, 2014):
• Identification of the candidate and an official letter of nomination;
• An assessment of the candidate; and,
• A description of the procedure used by your institution to identify the nominee, as well as a paragraph explaining the tenure track or the equivalent at the institution.

Nominated candidate will need to provide the following (due by Friday, January 23, 2015):
• A proposal of no more than four pages (including references), along with a curriculum vitae including the candidate’s address and telephone numbers;
• Letters of support from five people acquainted with the candidate’s work, at least two of the support letters should come from individuals outside of your institution; and,
• A list of past, current and pending awards and support expected from other sources. Please indicate public and non-public sources.
Required Documentation for Internal Review – **Internal Review Deadline Friday, October 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

- **Cover Page (1 page)**
  - Complete contact information of PI including: full name and current academic title with the university, depart, phone number, email address
  - Title of this funding opportunity
  - Descriptive title of proposed research
  - Names of other key personnel (if applicable)
  - Participating institutions (if applicable)

- **Proposal (maximum of 4 pages including references)**
  Tailored to address the sponsor’s goals/focus and including:
  - Goals and a statement of the importance of the research
  - Specific aims

- **Biographical Sketch (maximum of 4 pages)**
  - Including other support

➢ Combine the documents listed above into one (1) PDF and email to Limited Submission Committee at hsfunding@ucsd.edu. Must be submitted by Internal Review Deadline **October 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

➢ In the body of your submission email, include your full name and contact information (often accomplished by including an email signature).

UCSD will prescreen and select one (1) applicant, as allowed by the sponsor, to move forward to the initial grant application (LOI) stage.

If selected, PI should be prepared to complete a full application pursuant to the sponsor’s guidelines.

All applications for funding must also be reviewed by the Office of Contracts and Grant Administration (OCGA). Upon receiving notification of passing internal review, the selected PI(s) will also be given the contact information for the appropriate OCGA officer. Coordination of the OCGA review will be direct between the PI and their OCGA contact.

**CONTACTS**

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