

SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION  
W. M. KECK FOUNDATION

## Distinguished Young Scholars in Medical Research Program

### DEADLINES

**Friday, September 30, 2005 - Internal Deadline**

December 2, 2005 -- W. M. Keck Foundation deadline for formal proposals

### PROGRAM WEBSITE

Please refer to the W. M. Keck Foundation website for more information about this program, including profiles of award recipients. See: <http://wmkeck.org/programs/scholars.html>

### BACKGROUND

The Distinguished Young Scholars Program supports groundbreaking and creative research in pioneering or emerging fields of science that address fundamental mechanisms of human disease. Research will be conducted by young investigators who exhibit extraordinary promise for independent basic biological and medical research and who demonstrate a capacity for future academic leadership. The Keck Foundation intends to provide the nation's brightest young biomedical scientists with an opportunity to investigate promising and unproven new ideas which are difficult to fund. Funds are intended to jump start the nominee's career; his/her research should carry the potential for having a high impact in his/her respective field.

### ELIGIBILITY

- On December 2, 2005, the candidate should be holding his or her first full-time, tenure-track faculty appointment and have held the appointment for at least one year, but not more than four years.
- U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status is required.
- The Keck Scholar is encouraged to seek additional external competitive research funding; the Program's Scientific Advisory Committee will consider the nominee's total financial resources when making its final recommendations and will favor nominees who are not yet *substantially* funded by other major grant-making institutions.
- Scholars are expected to devote the major part of their professional time to the proposed research. This does not relieve the Scholar of teaching or grant-writing responsibilities.

### FUNDING

- Each award provides \$1,000,000 over 5 years to be used flexibly by the grantee for his/her salary and items such as personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, and travel to scientific meetings related to the Keck Scholar's area of research.
- Up to 70% of the Scholar's base salary may be paid from the grant.
- No support for fringe benefits or indirect costs.
- The Scholar's institution is responsible for the remaining 30% of salary, plus 100% of fringe benefits.
- Funds are not transferable to another institution. Funds remain with the grantee institution.

### NOMINATION LIMITATION

- **Yale University has been invited to nominate one (1) candidate.**

### INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Complete instructions for submitting a brief application for the Yale's Internal Competition are available on the YSM Grant & Contract Administration website at:

[http://grants.med.yale.edu/funding\\_opportunities/internal-competition.html](http://grants.med.yale.edu/funding_opportunities/internal-competition.html)

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