

SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION
SMITH FAMILY NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARDS PROGRAM
for promising young scientists engaged in new and innovative basic research in the areas of HIV/AIDS, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and neuroscience

DEADLINES

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 - Internal deadline

September 4, 2008 - **anticipated** sponsor deadline for full proposals

Program expected to remain the same for the September 2008 deadline

PROGRAM WEBSITE

This award is administered through The Medical Foundation. Please refer to their website for more information about this program. Formal application instructions for the nominee(s) are outlined in detail at: <http://www.tmfnet.org/grantmake.html#smith>

BACKGROUND

This program supports promising young scientists engaged in new and innovative **basic research** in the areas of HIV/AIDS, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes (autoimmune and Type II), and neuroscience. Neuroscience research must have relevance to the prevention or treatment of severe neurologic disorders.

The intent of the award is to provide newly independent scientists an opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and to assist them in the transition to other sources of research funding. Since 1992, the program has funded 96 investigators and provided over \$13 million in research support.

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be full-time **independent** investigators who have completed not more than 2 years of a junior faculty appointment and will have been **appointed between July 1, 2006 and December 1, 2008**. Independence is critical.
- In recognition of the importance of research collaboration by the scientific community, collaboration is now an additional, but not required, positive ancillary factor in successful review.
- Projects may involve researchers within and/or outside the Principal Investigator's institution.
- Awards are targeted toward investigators who have held limited independent federal or similar grants. Acceptable federal concomitant funding includes an R03, R21, or K award. Receipt of non-federal grants of less than \$150,000 per year in direct costs is also acceptable. Candidates who held or currently hold an R01 are not eligible. Receipt of an R01 after application, but prior to December 1, 2008 will disqualify the applicant.

FUNDING

- Each award provides \$200,000 – \$100,000 per year for 2 years inclusive of 5% indirect costs.
- Funds may be used to support a portion of the Candidate's salary and fringe benefits, salaries of postdoctoral fellows or technicians with fringe benefits, laboratory and data processing supplies, and other direct expenses including equipment essential to the proposed project. Equipment purchases must remain proportionate to the overall project budget.

NOMINATION LIMITATION

- Yale may nominate two candidates.

RECENT RECIPIENT at YALE

- 2006, Yong Xiong, PhD (MB&B)

INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Complete instructions for submitting an application for the Internal Competition are available on the Grant & Contract Administration website at:

http://info.med.yale.edu/ysm/grants/funding_opportunities/internal-competition.html

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For upcoming Scholar Award deadlines: http://grants.med.yale.edu/funding_opportunities/deadlines.html