

**Limited Submission Opportunity: \$300,000**  
**Pew Charitable Trusts**  
**Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research (2022)**

**Opportunity:** Pew Charitable Trusts / Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research  
(<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-stewart-scholars-for-cancer-research>)

**Amount:** \$300,000 over 4 years (\$75,000 per year)

**Grant Period:** August 2022-August 2026

**Number of Applications allowed from UR:** 1

**Number of awards per cycle:** 5 were awarded in 2020 / 7 in 2019

**Timeline/Process:**

- Internal Application Deadline: April 16, 2021
  - Chosen Internal Nominee Notified by: May 7, 2021
  - Nomination Due to Foundation by: May 17, 2021
  - Online Application Portal Opens: June 14, 2021
  - Foundation Submission Deadline: September 9, 2021
- \* UR strongly recommends submitting all materials at least 3-5 days in advance of the Foundation's deadline.*

**Topic/Discipline:** Cancer research

**Program Synopsis:**

- For assistant professors of outstanding promise in cancer research
- Strong proposals will incorporate particularly creative and pioneering approaches
- Ideas with the potential to produce an unusually high impact are encouraged
- **Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is a successful independent investigator and has published significant work**
- Funding is intended to be flexible
- Funding from other sources doesn't pose a conflict

**Eligibility:**

- Nominees must have been awarded a doctorate in a field related to biomedical sciences or medicine
- Must *not* have been appointed as an assistant professor at any institution prior to June 14, 2017, whether or not such an appointment was on a tenure track. Time spent in clinical internships, residencies, in work toward board certification, or on parental leave does not count as part of this four-year limit. *Please note that eligibility criteria have been temporarily expanded to account for COVID-related lab shutdowns and research disruptions.*
- Candidates may be nominated by their institution only twice

**Grantee Requirements and/or Special Consideration:**

- Grantees are expected to spend at least 80% of their time on research
- Grantees attend an annual meeting in March

**Foundation's Submission Requirements:**

If chosen as the UR nominee, the foundation requires the following for successful submission:

- CV
- Other support
- Self-assessment
- Full proposal
- Three peer-reviewed publications that document the applicant's most important scientific contributions
- Three letters of reference – graduate school advisor, postdoctoral advisor, and an individual familiar with the applicant's work

**Past UR Awardees:**

None

**Past Awardees:** *For full list of awardees – (<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-stewart-scholars-for-cancer-research/directory-of-stewart-scholars>)*

- Shruti Naik, Ph.D., New York University Langone Health, \$300,000
- Srinivas Ramachandran, Ph.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine, \$300,000
- Mara Sherman, Ph.D., Oregon Health and Science University, \$300,000

**Scientific Review Committee:** <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-stewart-scholars-for-cancer-research/program-details>

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**Internal applications must consist of:**

1. Cover page (attached)
2. Chair's Nomination (attached)
3. Research Abstract (attached)
4. Biosketch or CV

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*The chosen UR nominee should contact Mairéad Hartmann, Director of Foundation Relations, ([mairiad.hartmann@rochester.edu](mailto:mairiad.hartmann@rochester.edu)) for analysis of the foundation's interests/ priorities and assistance.*