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


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

- 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


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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, (mairead.hartmann@rochester.edu) for analysis of the foundation’s interests/ priorities and assistance.