



Announcing Nominees

Congratulations to the two UCSF nominees for the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, Beckman Young Investigators Program. Elissa Epel, PhD department of Psychiatry and Orion Weiner, PhD, Cardiovascular Research Institute will go forward as UCSF nominees with a full proposal application to the Foundation.

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation makes grants to non-profit research institutions to promote research in chemistry and the life sciences, broadly interpreted, and particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. The Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program is intended to provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of academic careers in the chemical and life sciences.

Projects should show promise for contributing to significant advances in the research fields of interest to the Foundation. They should represent innovative departures in research rather than extensions or expansions of existing programs. Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged.

Projects are normally funded for a period of three years. When extraordinary circumstances warrant, support may be provided over a one-year or four-year period. Grants are normally in the range of \$300,000 over the term of the project. The Foundation does not provide for overhead or for indirect costs. A budget report is not required at time of applications. If an award is granted, one will be requested at that time.

Robin Shaw, MD, PhD, Cardiovascular Research Institute, and Yuriy Kirichok, PhD, Physiology are the UCSF nominees who were selected for the Searle Scholars Program.

Applicants for year 2008 awards will be expected to be pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences.

Award: Grants are normally \$240,000 for a three-year period, with \$80,000 payable in the first year and equal sums payable in the second and third years, subject to the receipt of acceptable progress reports. Normally, fifteen new awards will be making annually.

Eligibility: Applicants will be expected to be pursuing independent research careers in biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, neuroscience, pharmacology, and related areas in chemistry, medicine, and the biological sciences. Candidates should have begun or will begin their first appointment at the assistant professor level on or after July 1, 2006. This appointment must be a tenure-track position, or its equivalent, Faculty who are in the ladder rank series (i.e. have an FTE) and faculty in the In Residence series would be eligible to apply.