



Announcing Nominees

UCSF nominees are announced for the Hellman Family Awards for Early-Career Faculty and for the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences program.

Anatol Kreitzer, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physiology and Neurology is the nominee selected to go forward with the full application for the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences. His proposal was entitled Neural Plasticity in Basal Ganglia Circuits: Elucidating the Physiology and Pathophysiology of Motor Control.

The Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences program is open to individuals with a doctorate in medicine, other health related professions or biomedical sciences. Candidates should have outstanding promise as contributors in science relevant to human health. Strong proposals will demonstrate particularly creative and innovative approaches. Risk-taking is encouraged. In evaluating candidates, the National Advisory Committee gives considerable weight to evidence that the candidate is an independent investigator and to significant published work.

Twenty scholars are to be selected and, given evidence of satisfactory progress, will be supported for four years. An award of \$60,000 per year will be provide to sponsoring institutions for use by the Scholar over the four-year period, subject to an annual review of the Scholar's progress.

<http://www.pewscholars.com/>

Hellman Family Awards for Early-Career Faculty at UCSF for 2008

Awardees are listed below with their departments and titles of proposed research projects.

Dorothy Apollonio, Clinical Pharmacy, Tobacco Industry Use of Allies in Political Advocacy

Louise Aronson, Medicine-Geriatrics, Developing a Unique and Innovative Program in Medical Humanities for UCSF

Stephen Bent, Osher Center for Integrative Medicine, Safety and Efficacy of Complimentary and Alternative Medicine for Autism

Helge Eilers, Anesthesia, Anesthetic Effects on Peripheral Nociceptors



Jade Hiramoto, Surgery, The Hematological and Renal Effects of Endovascular Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair

Audrey Lyndon, Family Health Care Nursing, Agency for Safety Among Community Providers of Inpatient Maternity Care

Doruk Ozgediz, Surgery, Surgery and Public Health: An Innovative Multidisciplinary UCSF Partnership in Uganda

Prasanthi Ramanujam, Medicine-Emergency Medicine, Accuracy of Prehospital Triage and Acute Stroke Outcomes in a Regional Stroke System

Hilary Seligman, Medicine—General Internal Medicine, Clinical Significance of Food Insecurity Among Patients with Diabetes

Rebecca Sudore, Medicine—Geriatrics, Enhancing Advance Care Planning in Diverse Elders with Limited Literacy

Stephanie Tache, Family and Community Medicine, Translating the *Prevent Heart Attacks and Stroke Everyday* PHASE Program from Kaiser to San Francisco Safety Net Clinics: A Focus on the Role of Medical Assistants

Sheri Weiser, Medicine—EPI Center, The Impact of Food Insecurity on HIV Outcomes and Sexual Risk Behavior in Uganda

Brie Williams, Medicine—Geriatrics, Assessing and Improving Health Among Incarcerated Older Adults

Janet Wojcicki, Pediatrics, Maternal Depression and Child Obesity in a Latino Cohort

Irene Yen, Medicine—General Internal Medicine, Proximity of Grocery Stores, Fast Food Outlets, Parks and Girls' Diet and Physical Activity: An Innovative Application of Geographic Information Systems Technology

The award is intended to provide support to outstanding faculty at the Assistant Professor level whose work shows originality and promise of distinction. Eligible candidates are assistant professors (ladder-rank, in-residence, clinical, and adjunct) who have their primary appointment at UCSF who have demonstrated promise and creativity in their research or other scholarly activities, but whose work needs further development to gain broader recognition, promote career advancement and attract other support.



Awards will be made for the design and implementation of projects that may include formal research studies, innovative educational programs, novel interventions to improve clinical practice, community-based partnership programs, or similar types of scholarly activities. There is a preference for individuals in family and community medicine. The awards will be particularly directed toward promising young faculty who are two or three years into their academic careers and whose work or career faces special challenges. Examples of such difficulties include, but are not limited to: research that takes longer to become established because of its complexity or innovation, personal illness, or unusual family responsibilities. Awards will be made in the \$25,000 - \$45,000 range.