

**SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION**  
**SMITH FAMILY AWARDS PROGRAM**  
**for Excellence in Biomedical Research**

*A program of the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation*

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#### DEADLINES

June 14, 2011 – internal deadline *note extended deadline!*

September 8, 2011 – sponsor deadline

#### SPONSOR'S WEBSITE

Homepage: <http://www.hria.org/tmfservices/tmfgrants/smith.html>

Application Guidelines & Instructions: <http://hria.org/uploads/grants/Smith/ApplicationGuidelines.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions: <http://hria.org/uploads/grants/Smith/1Frequentlyaskedquestions.pdf>

Award Recipients through 2010 (includes abstracts for recent recipients):

<http://hria.org/uploads/grants/Smith/AwardRecipientsthrough2010.pdf>

Scientific Review Committee: <http://hria.org/uploads/grants/Smith/committeelist2011.pdf>

#### FUNDING

\$100,000 per year for a period of 3 years. (Total: \$300,000)

#### NOMINATION LIMITATION

Yale University may nominate two candidates.

#### PURPOSE

With the ultimate goal of achieving medical breakthroughs, this program supports promising young independent scientists engaged in new and innovative research in all fields of **basic** biomedical science. Investigators in physics, chemistry, and engineering with biomedical research projects are also encouraged to apply. Clinical research is beyond the scope of this Program.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be full-time faculty whose **first independent** appointment will have begun between July 1, 2009 and December 1, 2011, and who will have completed not more than 2 years of that appointment as of July 1, 2011. **Independence is critical**; space, start-up package, and institutional commitment will be used in evaluating independence.
- 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.
- Applicants should have or have held only limited independent federal or similar grants. Receipt of an R03, R21, or K award is acceptable; however, receipt of an R01, P01, Pioneer Award or New Innovator Award is not acceptable, nor is receipt of similar funding from NSF or non-federal sponsors.

#### PAST RECIPIENTS CURRENTLY AT YALE

2006, Yong Xiong ... 2009, Hongwei Wang ... 2010, Michael Higley

#### INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

READ CAREFULLY and follow all instructions and guidance provided for internal competition submissions at: [http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding\\_info/internal-competition.html](http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding_info/internal-competition.html)

***For this internal competition only, please submit a letter of recommendation from your department chair or section chief. This letter should also include statements regarding the applicant's autonomy and the institution's level of support and long-term plans for the applicant's independent professional development. On the internal competition [facepage](#), under "Referees," please list: (1) this person + (2) two additional individuals you will ask for letters of recommendation if nominated.***

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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For upcoming Scholar Award deadlines: [http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding\\_info/deadlines.html](http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding_info/deadlines.html)

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