Vascular Cures' Wylie Scholar Program

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Vascular Cures' Wylie Scholar Program provides financial assistance to outstanding surgeons at the early stage of their careers, to help them develop as academic vascular surgeon-scientists.

Vascular Cures will award each Wylie Scholar $50,000 per year for up to three years, subject to an annual review by the committee. The maximum award available for any Scholar is $150,000. Payment of awards will be made to the candidate’s institution, and the institution will be responsible for disbursing all funds and for the administration of the grant. Vascular Cures does not pay indirect costs.

The award may be used to support research in the following areas: basic science, translational, clinical research, outcomes/health services research, teaching, community service, and patient care. No later than two months after the funding year, the awardee will submit an update of progress and expenses for the previous year.

To be eligible for consideration, Wylie Scholar candidates must hold a full-time faculty appointment as a vascular surgeon with active privileges at a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in the United States or the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in Canada. Only one nomination per institution per year will be considered.

The following conditions must be met:

- The candidate must hold a valid and current certification from the American Board of Surgery, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, in general surgery or vascular surgery.
- The candidate must be an active, practicing clinical vascular surgeon.
- The candidate must present convincing evidence of rigorous research training and significant research accomplishments to date.
- The candidate must not be currently funded by a career development award from the National Institutes of Health, Veterans Affairs, American Heart Association, or similar extramural funding agencies. Concomitant awards similar in size to the Wylie Scholar (e.g. from professional societies such as the American College of Surgeons) must be disclosed and will be considered on an individual basis.
- The candidate must prepare and present a challenging research plan to be completed during the term of the award.
- The candidate must have a research mentor who will be an additional resource for his or her research.
- The Chairman of the Department of Surgery must guarantee that the candidate will have 40% protected time available to devote to the research investigation, as well as facilities, equipment and resources to execute the proposed studies.
- The candidate is expected to participate in the Vascular Cures Wylie Scholar award event each year during their research grant tenure. This includes participating in a scientific interchange with Vascular Cures Board of Directors and donors. Up to $1,800 of the annual stipend may be used for travel expenses and one night of lodging.

In order that the University’s candidate may be selected in time for adequate preparation of the application, anyone interested in being nominated for this award should submit (1) a CV or NIH biosketch; (2) a one page summary of the proposed project; and (3) a letter of nomination to Dr. Jeremy P. Somers, Acting Director, Office of Research, Health Sciences, by noon (12:00 PM), Friday, January 29, 2016. This information should be sent to Dr. Somers electronically, c/o Ms. Selena Crawford, sac32@pitt.edu.

Internal Deadline: Noon, Friday, January 29, 2016
Application submission deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2016