

Sponsor: Pew Charitable Trusts - Pew Biomedical Scholars Program

Foundation Link:

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/pew-biomedical-scholars/program-details>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-04-27

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-13 for the institutional nomination; full applications due to Pew in September

Focus: \$300,000 funding over four years to young investigators of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of human health.

Eligibility: Must hold a doctorate in biomedical sciences, medicine, or a related field, including engineering or the physical sciences. As of Sept. 3, 2026, run an independent lab and hold a full-time tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant professor. Must not have been appointed as an assistant professor and run an independent lab at any institution prior to June 10, 2023, whether or not such an appointment was on a tenure track.

Competitive Applicants: will have an outstanding record of publications (in top journals) and awards relative to their stage. Ideas with the potential to produce an unusually high impact are encouraged. Selection of the successful candidates will be based on a detailed description of the work that the applicant proposes to undertake, evaluations of the candidate's performance, and notable past accomplishments, including honors, awards, and publications.

Further Details: Full eligibility criteria, guidelines, and frequently asked questions [here](#).

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/ANAYmVM5WXdsbDeq8> by the internal deadline:

- Applicant's Name
- NIH Biosketch
- Statement describing your significant scientific work and immediate research plans, 2 page maximum.
- Names and institutional affiliations of 3-4 major researchers (ideally past Pew Biomedical Scholars) whom you would ask to support your application with a letter if you are selected as a Notre Dame nominee (these should not be your postdoc advisor or PhD advisor).

Questions: For questions regarding the Pew Charitable Trusts, contact Kara Primmer (Foundation Relations) at khuegel1@nd.edu; for questions regarding Notre Dame's institutional support for nominees and external letter-writers, please contact Natalie Sargent (Provost's Office) at nsargent@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.