

## The Schwartz Research Fund for Women in the Life Sciences – 2017/18 Application Guidelines

Description: Two grants of up to \$15,000 each will be awarded to Ithaca- and Geneva-based, female faculty in the life sciences who display outstanding promise for conducting creative research.

One award will be given to a female assistant professor in years three to six of her Cornell employment by November 2017. The goal is to provide seed money for a pilot experiment that would generate novel preliminary data to be used in a subsequent application for major new funding (e.g., NIH-R01, NSF, or other equivalent multi-year support).

The second award will be given to a female associate professor to conduct an innovative pilot experiment that might open up a significant new line of inquiry in her current research focus or outside of it and that could be used as preliminary data in a subsequent application for major new funding. Alternatively, the award can serve as a bridge grant before the onset of such funding.

With the exception of equipment purchases and faculty salaries, grants from the Schwartz Research Fund may be applied toward a wide variety of expenses with the goal of supporting an innovative pilot experiment or a significantly new line of inquiry in their current research focus (for example: specific scientific needs, undergraduate/graduate/ postdoc support, and /or travel and lodging for research and/or conferences for grantees and/or students, postdocs, or consultants working with them).

Applicants are encouraged to include conference / travel opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Grants from the Schwartz Research Fund will be awarded on a cycle of 12 months.

These awards have in prior years been limited to faculty in traditional life science disciplines. In 2017, faculty from a variety of colleges and departments are eligible to apply provided they clearly state the relevance of their research to and its impact on the life sciences.\*

### Eligibility:

- Ithaca- and Geneva-based faculty female assistant and associate professors conducting research in the life sciences are invited to apply.
- Special note for assistant professors: you must be at least three years into employment at Cornell by November 2017 to be eligible to apply.
- \*Note to faculty members outside of life science departments: if you are unsure if your research may qualify, please consult Yael Levitte before submitting your application.
- Recipients of the Research Fund grants may not apply again until the third subsequent rfp cycle (i.e. if awarded in 2017, cannot apply until fall 2020 application cycle). Those who received only a Travel Award, however, may reapply in 2017.

Application procedure: Application, budget summary, current/pending/anticipated support, cv, letter of recommendation (see guidelines).

Reporting requirements: One- to three-page final report, including an expenditure report; grantees are encouraged to meet with the Schwartzes when the family is on campus, or to connect by phone call.

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### Required Materials

#### Application:

Maximum three pages, not including CV, current/pending/anticipated follow-up funding sources, and letter of support

- Brief descriptive title
- Justification
  - This statement should make a case for why the grant is needed, including how the grant will benefit the applicant professionally in ways that would otherwise not be possible.
  - Emphasize the new direction of the proposed research that is not currently supported by other funds. How is this project different from currently funded projects?
- Timeline of proposed activities for which funding is sought
- Budget Summary (see template)
  - Equipment and faculty salary are not eligible; a wide variety of other expenses will be considered. Please include budget justification.

#### Additional Materials:

- Applicant's CV
  - Limited to five (5) pages in length
  - Includes a list of all publications in the last five years and up to five other significant publications
- Current and Pending Support, anticipated sources of follow-up funding
  - Start-up package and remaining funds left from that package
  - Current and pending federal and other support – submit abstract and aims (the abstract and aims are not part of the 5 page CV limit).
  - Identify follow-up funding for which you may apply, assuming that the data from this grant support such an application. Articulate the next steps.
- Mentor or chair's letter of support (maximum two pages)

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Budget Summary

*Add lines as needed*

**APPLICANT and CONTACT DETAILS**

**UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT and COLLEGE**

**TITLE OF PROPOSAL**

**PROJECTED EXPENSES**

**PERSONNEL** (students, postdocs) \$

**TRAVEL** (including conference/symposia registration fees) \$

**MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES** (directly related to project, but not equipment) \$

**TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$