The Schwartz Research Fund for Women in the Life Sciences – 2018/19 Application Guidelines
Proposal Deadline: 5 November 2018

Description: Two grants of up to $15,000 each will be awarded to Ithaca (including Cornell Tech faculty with tenure homes in 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 who will have had a faculty appointment at Cornell for three to six years by November 2018. The goal is to provide seed money for a pilot experiment, likely to 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, expected to open a significant new line of inquiry to 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 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 12-month cycle.

Before 2017, these awards were issued only to faculty in traditional life science disciplines. But, female faculty from outside the traditional life science disciplines are now eligible to apply provided they clearly state the relevance of the proposal to their research to and its likely impact on the life sciences or the use of life science methodologies.

Eligibility:
• Ithaca (including Cornell Tech faculty with tenure homes in Ithaca)- and Geneva-based female assistant and associate professors are invited to apply.
• Special note for assistant professors: you must be at least three years into a faculty appointment at Cornell by November 2018 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 (ofdd@cornell.edu) before submitting your application.

Recipients of the Research Fund grants may not re-apply until the third subsequent RFP cycle (i.e. if awarded in 2017, cannot apply until fall 2020 application cycle).

Application procedure: Submit application, including budget summary, current/pending/anticipated support, cv, and letter of recommendation (see guidelines).
**Reporting requirements:** Awardees are required to submit a 1-3 page-long final report, including an expenditure report. Grantees are encouraged to meet with Joan and Ronald Schwartz when they are on campus and/or connect with them via telephone or email.

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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:

- Current and Pending Support, anticipated sources of follow-up funding
  - Remaining funds from start-up 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 noted below).
  - Identify follow-up funding for which you may apply, assuming that the data from this grant support such an application.
- Applicant’s CV
  - Limited to five pages in length
  - Includes a list of all publications in the last five years and up to five other significant publications
- Mentor or chair’s letter of support (maximum two pages)
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### Budget Summary

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### APPLICANT and CONTACT DETAILS

### UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT and COLLEGE

### TITLE OF PROPOSAL

### PROJECTED EXPENSES

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### TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: $