

THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Engaging Awardees in Applicant Outreach

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Pew Biomedical Programs

- Pew gives grants in biomedical research to scientist in the early career stage.
 - **Pew Scholars Program (since 1985)** – assistant professor level (all biomedical-related)
 - **Pew-Stewart Program for Cancer Research (since 2014)** – assistant professor level (cancer-focused)
- How to engage with the Pew scientific community to recruit new applicants?
 - Solicit **“Alumni nomination”** from **>800** grantees and reviewers past and present

Institution and Alumni Nominations

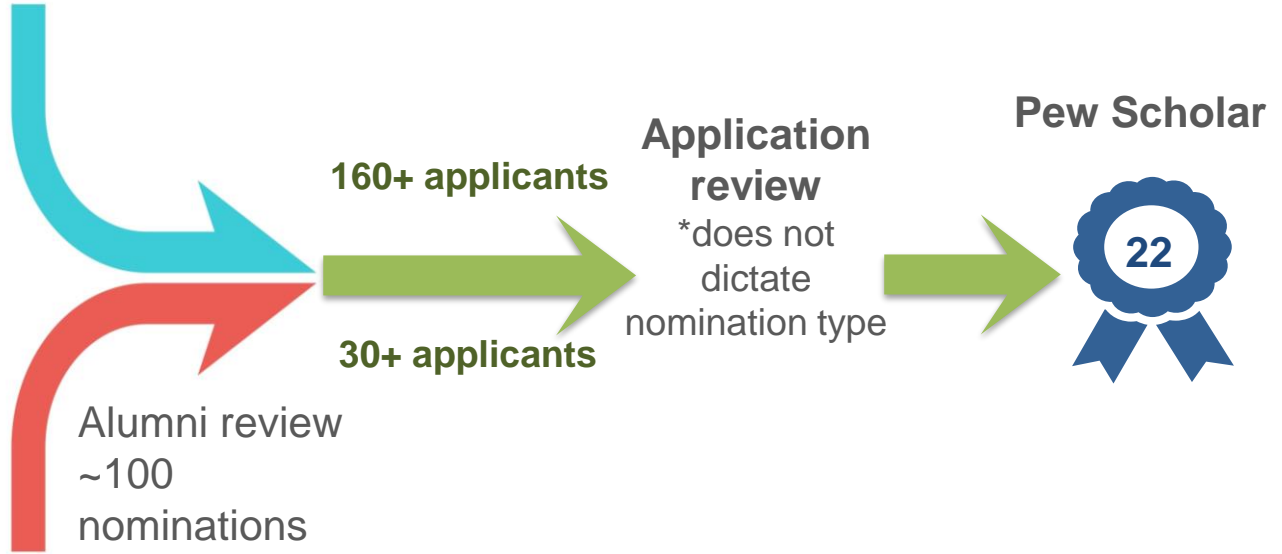
Candidate Nominations

Institution

- 198 institutions
- Limited submission
- Internal review by institution

Alumni

- Solicit from grantee and advisory committee
- Anonymous process
- Can be anyone who is eligible to apply



*cancer focused applications are considered by both Pew Scholars and Pew-Stewart programs

How to nominate a candidate?



- Only 1 nomination is allowed per person
- Complete a form answering the following:
 - How do you know the candidate?
 - Qualities that make the candidate a great scientist and an individual
 - Unusual leadership role or position taken
 - Notable publications

How successful has it been?

Year	# Submitted	# Out for review	Invited to apply	# Selected for Scholars
2021	103	97	37	9
2020	117	99	39	9
2019	115	98	33	9
2018	90	79	32	9
2017	104	100	38	11
2016	101	86	36	8
2015	113	96	38	10
2014	90	75	28	11

- **36-50%** of selected scholars (total 22) are coming from this process even though they make up only 15-20% of all applicants!

Thank you!