

## **James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D., Scholars Program in the UAB School of Medicine**

To recognize the outstanding contributions of James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D., to the UAB School of Medicine in his tenure as Dean from 1973-1992, the Pittman Scholars Program will support the recruitment and retention of highly competitive junior faculty members in the School of Medicine. Selected candidates will be recognized as the “*Pittman Scholars*” for the duration of the award.

### **Essential features of the program**

- Faculty members should be full time Assistant Professors in the School of Medicine within the first five years of their initial appointment at this rank. Any prior appointment as Instructor does not count against the five-year limit.
- The primary responsibility of the scholars will be research, although teaching and some clinical duties (if appropriate) will also be included.
- Faculty members with highly competitive research programs judged by extramural funding (e.g. K, R award) and high impact publications will be eligible.
- Five Pittman Scholars will be selected each academic year.
- Scholars will receive the equivalent of spendable income generated from a \$250,000 endowed fund each year for three years (~\$12,500/year).
- Funding may be used to support the research related activities or scholarly enrichment of the faculty member. However, these funds cannot be used to support salary of the Pittman Scholar.
- An advisory committee will evaluate the Pittman Scholars and the progress of the program annually.

### **Application process**

Department chairs in the School of Medicine may nominate candidates for the Pittman Scholar Program. Applications should include a cover letter (two-page maximum) from the Department Chair, the candidate's resume and a one-page personal statement from the candidate as a single PDF file.

**Deadline for applications: December 6, 2019.** Final selections will be made by the AMC21 Executive Research Steering committee appointed by the Senior Vice President and Dean of the UAB School of Medicine.

For questions about this program or to submit nominations, please contact Executive Vice Dean Anupam Agarwal, M.D., ([aagarwal@uabmc.edu](mailto:aagarwal@uabmc.edu)) or LaKisha Mack ([lmack@uab.edu](mailto:lmack@uab.edu))