

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

To recognize the outstanding contributions of James A. Pittman, Jr., M.D., to the UAB Heersink 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 Heersink 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 Heersink 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 Heersink 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 **curriculum vitae** and a **one-page personal statement** from the candidate as a **single PDF file**. **Please submit to kellymoore@uab.edu by December 6, 2024 at 5:00pm CST.**

Please contact kellymoore@uab.edu with any questions.