## **The UCSF Fellows Program**

Nominations are being solicited for appointment as a 'UCSF Fellow' in a program at the University of California, San Francisco that brings talented young scientists into our diverse and interactive research community. UCSF Fellows independently pursue biomedical research without the obligations of faculty membership or the constraints of a conventional postdoctoral fellowship. Thus, the UCSF Fellows Program provides an alternative or a supplement to traditional postdoctoral study following the M.D. or Ph.D. degree, and an opportunity to establish a creative and successful research program prior to obtaining a faculty position.

UCSF Fellows are independent group leaders who occupy small laboratories adjunct to UCSF faculty; they receive an annual financial award to cover their salary and partially defray the costs of their research program. UCSF Fellows may recruit postdoctoral fellows and are encouraged to seek extramural funds to support research groups of 3-5 members. The UCSF Fellow award is nonrenewable, for a term of five years.

A candidate must be nominated by a mentor/advisor who is able to comment in some depth on the accomplishments and future potential of the candidate. The nomination letter should be accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae. Subsequently, selected candidates will be asked to arrange for three additional letters of recommendation, and to submit a brief research plan. Nominees working in any area of modern biomedical sciences will be considered. Although the UCSF Fellows Program is eager to consider nominations of all exceptional individuals, we are particularly interested in attracting minorities and women to our campus.

The deadline for letters of nomination is **March 1, 2006.** We anticipate interviewing selected candidates in the spring of 2006, and aim to appoint a new UCSF Fellow to start in the second half of 2006. Nominations should be sent to the attention of:

Dr. Douglas Hanahan Chair, UCSF Fellows Steering Committee University of California, San Francisco c/o The UCSF Diabetes Center 513 Parnassus Avenue, Room HSW1090 San Francisco, California 94143-0534

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