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**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM
AMGEN FOUNDATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCIENCE RESEARCH
PROGRAM**

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SEATTLE, Washington. (Oct. 16, 2006) – The Amgen Foundation today announced its partnership with the University of Washington and nine other of the nation's premier universities to provide hundreds of undergraduate students an opportunity to engage in a fully-funded, hands-on research experience each summer. This unique program will complement other opportunities at the UW, and will help participating students to make the transition between their undergraduate major areas of study and graduate and professional work focused on biotechnology and related fields.

Amgen Scholars is a \$25 million, eight-year program that will provide research experience for students interested in pursuing a graduate degree and eventually, a career in science. For the first phase of the program, which extends through 2010, the University of Washington and the other nine universities will each receive \$1 million over the next four years. The UW Amgen Scholars Program will host 26-28 undergraduates each summer at the UW, approximately half of whom will be selected from among UW applicants, with remaining applicants selected from other accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico and other U.S. Territories.

"It's an honor to be selected by the Amgen Foundation as part of this national initiative to provide undergraduates with research experiences that will encourage them to further their studies or pursue a science career," said Ed

Taylor, vice provost and dean of undergraduate academic affairs, University of Washington. “As Amgen Scholars, selected students will gain firsthand experience with the scientific discovery process, and have opportunities to network with peers and top scientists. This is a rich addition to our well-established efforts to provide students with the best that we have to offer as a research university.”

Amgen Scholars will complete intensive research experiences in fields related to biotechnology and will benefit from graduate student, post-doctoral researcher, and faculty mentoring. In addition, students will attend weekly research seminars focused on current research and workshops that provide training in research skills and ethics. Faculty research mentors will be selected from a range of departments including biology, bioengineering, biostatistics, chemistry, engineering, pathology, pharmacology, genome sciences and others. All participating scholars will take part in an annual mid-summer, three-day symposium in California, where they will have the chance to discuss their research and interact with leading scientists from industry and academia. The program will conclude with a poster session where participants will present their research to faculty, peers, and the UW community.

Financial support for students is a critical component of the program, and thus eligible students regardless of their financial status are able to participate. Students will receive a competitive stipend along with room, board and a travel allowance, including travel to and from the university and symposium.

“At Amgen, we believe we have an important responsibility to inspire and prepare the next generation of scientists,” said Jean Lim, president, Amgen Foundation. “We believe our partnership with the University of Washington will provide students with a pivotal experience that will encourage them to pursue further education and training in the sciences.”

The nine other program partners include California Institute of Technology; Columbia University/Barnard College; Howard University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stanford University; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, San Diego; and University of California, San Francisco.

For more information about Amgen Scholars, please visit

www.amgenscholars.com

About the Amgen Foundation

The Amgen Foundation (www.amgen.com/citizenship/overview.html) seeks to advance science education; improve patient access to quality care; and strengthen the communities where Amgen staff members live and work. Since 1991, the Foundation has made \$70 million in grants to local, regional and national non-profit organizations that impact society in inspiring and innovative ways. It has also supported disaster relief efforts both domestically and internationally.

About the University of Washington

Founded in 1861, the University of Washington (<http://www.washington.edu>) is one of the foremost institutions of higher education in the nation, richly combining its research, instructional and public service missions.

Its internationally acclaimed faculty includes six Nobel Laureates and the winner of the 1990 National Book Award for Fiction. Washington is part of an elite group of research universities whose contributions to American life are unique because they generate the basic knowledge upon which practical innovations are based.

For more than 35 years, the university has been among the country's top five institutions in the dollar value of federal research grants and contracts awarded to its faculty. Total grant and contract activity for 2004 exceeded \$950 million. About 75 percent of the university's grant and contract funds come from federal agencies. Research contributes directly to the educational goals of graduate and professional students, as well as to those of undergraduates.

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