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**ALFRED P. SLOAN FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$5.9 MILLION;
118 EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS SLOAN RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIPS**

(New York, NY) - The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is pleased to announce the naming of 118 outstanding young scientists, mathematicians, and economists as Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellows. The winners are faculty members at 64 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who are conducting research at the frontiers of physics, chemistry, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, economics, mathematics and neuroscience.

“The Sloan Research Fellowships support the work of exceptional young researchers early in their academic careers, and often at pivotal stages in their work,” says Paul L. Joskow, President of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. “I am proud of the Foundation’s rich history in providing the resources and flexibility necessary for young researchers to enhance their scholarship, and I look forward to the future achievements of the 2008 Sloan Research Fellows.”

The Sloan Research Fellowships have been awarded since 1955, initially in only three scientific fields: physics, chemistry, and mathematics. Since then, 35 Sloan Research Fellows have gone on to win the Nobel Prize in their fields; and 14 have received the Fields Medal, the top honor in mathematics. Although Sloan Research Fellowships in economics began only in 1983, since then Sloan Fellows have accounted for 8 of the 13 winners of the John Bates Clark Medal, generally considered the top honor for young economists.

Grants of \$50,000 for a two-year period are administered by each Fellow’s institution. Once chosen, Sloan Research Fellows are free to pursue whatever lines of inquiry are of most interest to them, and they are permitted to employ Fellowship funds in a wide variety of ways to further their research aims. For a complete list of winners, visit www.sloan.org/programs/scitech_fellowships.shtml.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation makes grants in science, technology and the quality of American life. The goal of the Sloan Research Fellowship program, established in 1955, is to enhance the careers of the very best young faculty members in selected fields of science at American and Canadian universities and colleges. For additional information, visit www.sloan.org.

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