SLOAN FOUNDATION AWARDS NEW INDUSTRY STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS

New York -- The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announced today the selection of six outstanding young scholars to receive Sloan Industry Studies Fellowships. These Fellows are engaged in path-breaking research to increase knowledge of the complex influences that shape industrial enterprises. Their research results are expected to be significant not only within academia, but also to people in industry and government. The Fellows were selected from among 51 highly qualified scholars in the early stages of their careers on the basis of their exceptional promise to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, and to U.S. industrial development and economic competitiveness.

The fellowships, which are modeled after the prestigious Sloan Research Fellowships, provide support and recognition to junior faculty from a wide variety of academic disciplines – economics, management, engineering, political science, and related or interdisciplinary areas. To carry out their research, the new Industry Studies Fellows have developed strong partnerships with individuals in their chosen industries. Candidates for Industry Studies Fellowships are nominated and recommended by their department chairs, other senior scholars and executives familiar with their talents and promise.

This is the first year the Sloan Industry Studies Fellowships have been awarded. Since 1990, however, the Sloan Foundation has supported industry studies research at 25
Industry Centers housed in many of the nation’s most prestigious universities, as well as the research of many other excellent scholars who are not at Centers.

In announcing the awards, Ralph E. Gomory, the President of the Foundation, said, “The Sloan Research Fellowships were created by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. in 1955 to provide crucial and flexible funds to outstanding scientists early in their academic careers. Through the years these fellowships have helped the scientific careers of their recipients, and we are very proud to be associated with their achievements. The new Sloan Industry Studies Fellowships have been established in the tradition of our founder, a great industrialist.”

Sloan Industry Studies Fellows receive grants of $40,000 for a two-year period, administered by each Fellow’s institution. Once chosen, Industry Studies Fellows are free to pursue whatever lines of inquiry are of most interest to them in close consultation with people in their chosen industries, and they are permitted to employ fellowship funds in a wide variety of ways to further their research aims.

The 2005 Sloan Industry Studies Fellows (in alphabetical order), their institutions, and the industry each will focus on are:

**Pierre Azoulay, Assistant Professor, Columbia University**, Columbia Business School; Pharmaceutical Industry

**Amy Cohn, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan**, College of Engineering; Passenger Airline Industry

**Natalia Levina, Assistant Professor, New York University**, Stern School of Business; IT Services Industry

**Fiona Murray, Assistant Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Sloan School of Management; Biomedical Technology Industry

**Sandra Rothenberg, Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology**, College of Business; Printing Industry

**Karen Smilowitz, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University**, School of Engineering and Applied Science; Freight Transportation Industry
Nominations for the 2004 awards were reviewed by a committee of distinguished scholars consisting of the following members:

*Professor Martin Feldstein*, Harvard University (economics)  
*Professor Frank Giarratani*, University of Pittsburgh (economics)  
*Professor David Hodges*, University of California, Berkeley (engineering)  
*Professor M. Granger Morgan*, Carnegie Mellon University (engineering and public policy)  
*Professor Thomas Kochan*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (management)  
*Professor Janice Hammond*, Harvard Business School (management)