



## ASHP Foundation News Release

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### **ASHP Foundation Announces 2017 Recipients of the Master's Resident Practice-Based Research Grants**

*Grantees will conduct studies addressing medication alerts, telehealth services and other high-impact, patient care areas.*

**BETHESDA, MD** (July 14, 2017) -- The ASHP Foundation announced today that funding has been awarded to four pharmacy resident researchers selected earlier this year through the 2017 Master's Resident Practice-Based Research Grant Program. This program funds practice-based research conducted by residents in ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency programs that combine the completion of a residency and a master's degree. The funded research supports the ASHP/ASHP Foundation Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI) or Ambulatory PAI. This grant program was created to ensure that pharmacists participate on interdisciplinary patient care teams as the health professionals who are responsible and accountable for patients' medication outcomes.

The 2017 recipients, each of whom received a grant up to \$5,000, are:

**"Evaluating the Impact of a Systematic Approach to Optimizing Medication Alerts in a Health-System"**

New Investigator: Sunny Bhakta, AA, Pharm.D., M.S. Candidate

Senior Investigator: Kevin W. Garey, Pharm.D., M.S., FASHP

Houston Methodist Hospital System

Houston, TX

"This grant will not only support an innovative approach to combatting alert fatigue, but will also support the role of the pharmacy professional in quality and patient safety roles within the health system," said Dr. Bhakta. "This grant fosters collaboration with more experienced senior investigators, providing a highly structured approach to training future researchers in the profession."

**"Patient Engagement and Hypertension-Related Outcomes of a Pharmacist-Driven Telehealth Service"**

New Investigator: Shubha Bhat, Pharm.D., BCACP

Senior Investigator: Sarah Billups, Pharm.D., BCPS

University of Colorado Denver

Aurora, CO

"Given the pragmatic nature of this study, the grant permits for the dissemination of findings that are applicable to real-world settings," said Dr. Bhat. "It may create more opportunities for pharmacists in ambulatory care settings to partake in chronic disease management and optimize patient outcomes."

“Evaluation of Prescriptive Analytics to Reduce Length of Stay through Targeted Pharmacy Services in an Acute Care Practice Model”

New Investigator: Mary-Haston Leary, Pharm.D.

Senior Investigator: Lindsey Amerine, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS

University of North Carolina Medical Center, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy  
Chapel Hill, NC

“As a new practitioner, grants such as these are invaluable in supporting early research initiatives,” said Dr. Leary. “This grant will ensure successful completion of innovative projects and instill a passion for practice-based research in the rising generation of pharmacy leaders.”

“Impact of Protocolized Sleep Improvement with Early Mobilization Utilizing Fitness Watch Technology in the Intensive Care Unit”

New Investigator: Xavier Torres, Pharm.D.

Senior Investigator: Patricia R. Louzon-Lynch, Pharm.D.

Florida Hospital Orlando  
Orlando, FL

“The hope is that this study will help us build on prior initiatives to improve patient care at our site and further expand the role of pharmacists in an interdisciplinary team to include sleep and delirium management interventions,” said Dr. Torres. “I was able to learn a great deal about myself, my project and will be forever grateful for this opportunity.” – Xavier Torres, Pharm.D.

### **For More Information**

Learn more about the [Master’s Resident Practice-Based Research Grant Program](#) and [read the abstracts](#) of the research studies funded by this year’s program. The 2018 application cycle will open on October 4, 2017.

### **About the ASHP Foundation**

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation ([www.ashpfoundation.org](http://www.ashpfoundation.org)) was established in 1968 by ASHP ([www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org)) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists who, as vital members of the healthcare team, are accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe, and effective medication use.

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