



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Continues to Support Pharmacy Residency Training by Increasing Available Residency Positions

BETHESDA, MD (May 30, 2017) – Well-trained pharmacists are of vital importance to the entire healthcare system and while pharmacy residencies help produce skilled pharmacy practice leaders, demand for residency training outpaces available opportunities. There are more than 2,200 residency programs in the United States with approximately 4,586 positions available. This year, 4,501 individuals matched, but more than 1,500 were unable to obtain a training spot because of the shortage of pharmacy residency positions and funding. This shortage denies pharmacists the opportunities and experiences that would better prepare them for work in acute and ambulatory settings.

The ASHP Foundation established the Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grant Program in 2011 to combat this shortage. This year, the ASHP Foundation awarded \$275,000 in grants to 11 institutions for use in establishing additional pharmacy residency positions. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$3.2 million to 88 institutions total.

The program is supported by educational donations from AbbVie, Amgen, Inc., Merck, as well as donations from other ASHP Foundation corporate sponsors and gifts from individuals made in memory of former ASHP Director of Accreditation Services Janet Teeters. (To see a list of these generous donors, please visit www.ashpfoundation.org/pegprogram.)

Residencies prepare pharmacists to be practice leaders and are a key practice advancement strategy for institutions. “You really do not know what receiving the expansion grant means until you see the person who received it on graduation day,” said Joanne S. Heil, Pharm.D., BCPS, director of the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, which received a grant in 2014. “You originally think, ‘Okay, another resident.’ Then, you evaluate their progress throughout the year, and you see how they have grown and matured professionally and personally. You then realize that you would not have had the opportunity to have an impact on this person’s career, nor they yours, if you had not received the grant. This is a great thing the Foundation does for the welfare of resident training.”

“Today, the healthcare system is facing increasingly complex challenges,” said Stephen J. Allen, ASHP Foundation CEO. “Residency training helps new pharmacists develop the necessary clinical and leadership skills to become active members of interdisciplinary teams. Investing in pharmacy residency training is investing in the future of the profession, and we are grateful for the generous support of AbbVie, Amgen, Merck and the host of other healthcare corporations and individuals who help make this program a reality.”

The recipients of the 2017 Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grants are:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
PGY2 Solid Organ Transplant Specialty
Boston, MA
Residency Program Director: Christin C. Rogers, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: Josenor de Jesus, Pharm.D., M.B.A./HCM

Fort HealthCare
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Fort Atkinson, WI
Residency Program Director and Director of Pharmacy: Carl Selvick, Pharm.D., M.B.A.

Jackson Hospital and Clinic
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Montgomery, AL
Residency Program Director: Nancy E. Bailey, B.S., Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: Thomas H. Cobb, Pharm.D.

Legacy Health
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Portland, OR
Residency Program Director: Kathleen C. Stoner, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: Michelle A. Murray, B.S.Pharm.

Mayo Clinic Hospital: Rochester
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Rochester, MN
Residency Program Director: Garrett E. Schramm, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: Kevin Dillon, Pharm.D., M.P.H.

North Kansas City Hospital
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
North Kansas City, MO
Residency Program Director: Matt Baker, Pharm.D., BCPS
Director of Pharmacy: Denny Fugate, Pharm.D.

Palmetto Health
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Columbia, SC
Residency Program Director: Nicole K. Bookstaver, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: David Amsden, Pharm.D.

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy: University of the Sciences
PGY2 Critical Care Residency
Philadelphia, PA
Residency Program Director: Angela L. Bingham, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: Cathy Poon, Pharm.D.

SSM Health DePaul Hospital
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
St. Louis, MO
Residency Program Director: Anthony S. Lucido, Pharm.D., BCPS
Director of Pharmacy: Laura Oster, B.S.Pharm.

UTEP/UT Austin Cooperative Pharmacy Program in collaboration with Centro de Salud Familiar
La Fe, Inc.
PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency
El Paso, TX
Residency Program Director: Jeri J. Sias, Pharm.D., M.P.H.
Director of Pharmacy: Samuel Aboud, B.S.Pharm.

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
Dover, NH
Residency Program Director: Tonya Carlton, B.A., Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy: Richard Meinking, Pharm.D.

For More Information

For more information regarding the Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grant Program, please visit our website at www.ashpfoundation.org/PEGProgram.

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by ASHP (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, as vital members of the healthcare team, 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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