



ASHP Foundation News Release

University of Virginia Health System Postgraduate Year One Pharmacy Residency Program Receives ASHP Foundation 2017 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Program Award *ASHP Foundation will also recognize 2017 Preceptor and New Preceptor Awardees during the ASHP 2017 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, Florida.*

BETHESDA, MD (November 10, 2017) -- The ASHP Research and Education Foundation will recognize the recipients of the 2017 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards at a special reception held during the ASHP 2017 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, Florida. This award program, sponsored by Amgen, Inc., recognizes excellence in pharmacy residency training through recognition of residency programs, preceptors, and new preceptors. The recipients of this award have demonstrated innovation in training pharmacy residents and serve as models for other residency programs and preceptors.

The Program Award will be given to the University of Virginia (UVA) Health System Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) Pharmacy Residency Program for its outstanding residency program.

The UVA's PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program began over 25 years ago and has trained more than 120 PGY1 pharmacy residents. Of these, 62 percent have progressed to complete PGY2 training, with 60 percent of those completing their PGY2 training at UVA. Thirty of the residency graduates remain employed at UVA and serve as preceptors in the PGY1 program. The program requires learning experiences in acute care specialty, ambulatory care, critical care, general medicine, medication-use policy, orientation, and practice management as well as research and quality improvement projects and continuing education presentations for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists.

Residents also serve as teaching assistants for third-year pharmacy doctorate students enrolled in the UVA satellite campus for Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Pharmacy and have the opportunity to participate in a teaching and learning certificate. The program makes unique use of the disjointed time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day by offering mini-rotations. These concentrated experiences provide residents with exposure to areas in which they do not have a scheduled rotation, where they would like to repeat a rotation experience, or where they would like to experience a different setting of a scheduled experience. Mini-rotations may also occur in nutrition services, toxicology, and pharmacogenomics. The residents' longitudinal service commitment is performed in three areas: inpatient distribution, sterile products, and clinical verification. The residents are also first-line responders to medical emergencies, including in-hospital cardiac and respiratory events and stroke and sepsis alerts.

"We are so honored and humbled to be selected by the ASHP Foundation for the 2017 Residency Excellence Program Award," said Program Director Michelle McCarthy, Pharm.D., FASHP. "The recognition validates the work of our entire department and organization in contributing to the growth and development of the next generation of pharmacy clinicians, leaders, and educators."

The other Pharmacy Residency Excellence Award recipients are:

2017 Preceptor Award

Emmanuelle Schwartzman, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDE®
Western University of Health Sciences
Pomona, California

“I am honored and humbled to receive this award,” said Dr. Schwartzman. “I would like to recognize the incredible residency preceptors and mentors who shaped my preceptorship skills. This award is a tribute to all those who mentored me, and I hope to be able to pay it forward to all of my residents and students.”

2017 New Preceptor Award

Joshua J. Elder, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCOP
Norton Children’s Hospital
Louisville, Kentucky

“Serving as a preceptor has provided me the opportunity to continue to pay forward what so many mentors have gifted to me along my journey,” said Dr. Elder. “Watching learners grow and flourish has provided invaluable career and life lessons. It is truly a humbling experience to be selected for this honor and will only continue to fuel my drive to train the upcoming generation of clinical pharmacists.”

The awardees will be formally recognized at a reception on December 2, 2017, at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

For More Information

For more information regarding this awards program and the recipients, please visit our website at www.ashpfoundation.org/residencyawards.

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 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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