



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Announces 2011 Junior Investigator Research Grant Recipients *Funding will support studies focused on prevention and treatment of infectious diseases*

BETHESDA, Md. (July 7, 2011) — The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation has awarded funding to two new investigators through the Junior Investigator Research Grant Program.

This research program supports practice-based research in medication use conducted by pharmacist new investigators. Practice-based research affects a wide range of medication-use topics, including patient education; patient outcomes and effectiveness of medication therapy; health care quality; medication use in minority, elderly and other special populations; medication costs and financing; program evaluations; and access to medications.

“The ASHP Foundation’s Junior Investigator Research Grant Program is an outstanding way for junior faculty to seek funding to initiate projects and jumpstart their academic research career,” said Steven C. Stoner, Pharm.D., chair and clinical professor in the Division of Pharmacy Practice and Administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy and a member of the grant’s review panel. “This year, there were a number of high-quality and scientifically sound proposals submitted, making the selection and offer process very difficult. The winning grant submissions represent a number of early career professionals who are paving the way for the future of academic pharmacy, both in practice and in research. They are very deserving of this recognition and support from the ASHP Foundation, and I consider it a great honor to be a part of the selection process for such a high honor.”

The grantees, who received \$20,000 each, are:

Comparison of Immune Response to the Influenza Vaccine in Obese and Non-Obese Healthcare Workers

Junior Investigator: Michael A. Sweet, Pharm.D.

Senior Investigator: Rashida A. Khakoo, M.D.

West Virginia University Hospitals

Morgantown, W.Va.

Pharmacodynamic Analysis of Vancomycin Based on Patient-Specific Protein Binding

Junior Investigator: Jared L. Crandon, Pharm.D.

Senior Investigator: David P. Nicolau, Pharm.D.

Hartford Hospital

Hartford, Conn.

For More Information

Information about the Junior Investigator Research Grant Program and the abstracts of the research studies funded by this year's program can be found at www.ashpfoundation.org/juniorinvestigator.

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (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 health care 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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