



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Awards \$800,000 in PGY-1 Expansion Grants to Twenty Institutions *Stipends enable the creation of much-needed pharmacy residency positions*

BETHESDA, Md. (April 29, 2011) — The [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists \(ASHP\) Research and Education Foundation](#) has awarded \$800,000 in grants to 20 institutions for use in establishing additional pharmacy residency positions. These grants were made possible by the [PGY-1 Expansion Grant \(PEG\) Program](#), which is supported by an educational donation provided by [Amgen, Inc.](#)

There is a severe shortage of pharmacy residency programs in the United States. Each year, more than 1,000 potential candidates do not get a residency due to the lack of available residency positions. More than 1,000 healthcare organizations in the United States offer pharmacy residency programs that graduate approximately 1,800 residents each year – that’s only one or two residents per program on average. Residency training is crucial to new pharmacists, who are going into a healthcare environment that increasingly requires pharmacists to play a major role in direct patient care and assume responsibility for drug therapy management as members of interdisciplinary patient care teams.

The institutions who received the PEG grants agreed to select their residents from the pool of new graduates and pharmacists who were unable to obtain a training spot through participation in the 2011 ASHP Pharmacy Residency Matching Program. These grants made an additional 20 residency positions available.

“We are excited and grateful to learn that Froedtert Hospital's PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program has been selected to receive one of the ASHP Foundation grants for residency expansion,” says Kristin Hanson, M.S., R.Ph., Medication Safety Officer and Residency Program Director at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. “Our aim to expand the number of resident positions at Froedtert is driven by the need for pharmacists with advanced skills in concert with the increasing number of students desiring residency training. The ASHP Foundation residency expansion grant will enable us to continue to bridge the gap between the availability and demand for positions in our tight fiscal environment.”

“The ASHP Foundation is committed to helping expand residency training opportunities in practice because this training is so critical to advancing pharmacy practice models in hospitals and health systems,” says Stephen J. Allen, ASHP Foundation Executive Vice President and CEO. “We are pleased that Amgen has provided generous support to make the PEG Program a reality. We will work diligently to maintain the program in the future and will seek and encourage support from the corporate community to hopefully expand our efforts.”

The recipients of the 2011 PEG grants are:

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

Park Ridge, Ill.

Residency Program Director: Sarah M. Wieczorkiewicz, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Debby G. Bryniarksi, Pharm.D.

Aspirus Wausau Hospital

Wausau, Wis.

Residency Program Director: Timothy P. Nikstad, R.Ph.

Director of Pharmacy: Jill K. Michaud, B.S., Pharm.D.

Froedtert Hospital

Milwaukee, Wis.

Residency Program Director: Kristin K. Hanson, M.S., R.Ph.

Director of Pharmacy: Todd A. Karpinski, M.S., Pharm.D.

Harris County Hospital

Houston, Texas

Residency Program Director: Catina C. Brimmer, Pharm.D., M.B.A.

Director of Pharmacy: Ryan K. Roux, Pharm.D., M.S.

Intermountain Medical Center/Intermountain Healthcare

Salt Lake City, Utah

Residency Program Director: Richard H. Ensign, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Russell K. Hulse, B.S.Pharm., M.B.A.

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

Baltimore, Md.

Residency Program Director: Bryna Delman Ewachiw, B.S.Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Brendan J. Reichert, M.S., R.Ph.

Loma Linda University Medical Center

Loma Linda, Calif.

Residency Program Director: Norman Hamada, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Paul M. Norris, Pharm.D.

Mercy Hospital

Miami, Fla.

Residency Program Director: Janelle M. Christian, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Fernando J. Zaldivar, B.S.Pharm.

Miami VA Healthcare System

Miami, Fla.

Residency Program Director: Carmela D. Jean, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Vivian L. Rios, R.Ph.

Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Dallas, Texas

Residency Program Director: Anita M. Harrison, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Jon T. Albrecht, B.S.Pharm.

Norman Regional Health System

Norman, Okla.

Residency Program Director: James Brian Hughes, B.S.Biochem, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Darin L. Smith, B.S.Pharm., Pharm.D.

Ohio State University Medical Center

Columbus, Ohio

Residency Program Director: Crystal Tubbs, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Robert Weber, Pharm.D., M.S.

Princeton Baptist Medical Center

Birmingham, Ala.

Residency Program Director: Jessica A. Starr, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Shannon L. Price, Pharm.D.

St. Louis College of Medicine/St. John's Mercy Medical Center

St. Louis, Mo.

Residency Program Director: Julia A. Murphy, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: John M. Burke, Pharm.D.

Tricare/DoD Pharmacoeconomic Center

Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Residency Program Director: Amy M. Lugo, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Stacia L. Spridgen, Pharm.D.

Truman Medical Center Lakewood

Kansas City, Mo.

Residency Program Director: Melissa L. Gabriel, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Denny G. Fugate, Pharm.D.

University of California, Davis Medical Center

Sacramento, Calif.

Residency Program Director: Patricia L. Parker, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: John H. Grubbs, M.S., M.B.A., R.Ph.

University of Maryland Medical Center

Baltimore, Md.

Residency Program Director: Brian E. Grover, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Marc Summerfield, B.S.Pharm., M.S.

University of Minnesota Medical Center – Fairview Pharmacy Services

Minneapolis, Minn.

Residency Program Director: Pamela K. Phelps, Pharm.D.

Director of Pharmacy: John Pastor, Pharm.D.

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic/UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Residency Program Director: Tanya J. Fabian, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

Director of Pharmacy: Heather J. Johnson, Pharm.D.

For More Information

For more information regarding the PEG Program, please visit our website at www.ashpfoundation.org/PEGProgram.

About the ASHP Foundation

[The ASHP Research and Education Foundation](#) was established in 1968 by the [American Society of Health-System Pharmacists](#) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use.

The Foundation provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. Emphasis is given to programs that will have a major impact on advancing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, thereby improving public health.

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