



ASHP Foundation News Release

Pfizer Supports ASHP Foundation Residents' Visiting Leaders Program

New program will challenge pharmacy residents to think about leadership responsibilities

BETHESDA, Md. (November 29, 2011) — Pfizer, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, has given the ASHP Research and Education Foundation a \$67,500 grant to establish a visiting practice scholars program for pharmacy residents.

The Residents' Visiting Leaders Program will allow pharmacy residency programs to apply to the ASHP Foundation for the opportunity to have a prominent, visionary health-system pharmacy leader come to their site to talk with residents and pharmacy staff about their careers and the effectiveness and influence of being a leader. The day-long visit will challenge residents to think about their careers, set goals, create a professional development plan and embrace responsibility as a practice leader committed to advancing pharmacy practice.

Pfizer, which has had a long commitment to the pharmacy profession and the development of pharmacy leaders, made its generous gift through the ASHP Foundation's David A. Zilz Leaders for the Future Fund. The intent of the Fund is to enable the Foundation's Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership to expand its reach and develop new, focused program opportunities that will address pharmacist leadership skills to:

- Design, implement and market necessary pharmacy practice model advances
- Lead health systems in implementing medication information systems and technology
- Assist pharmacy resident graduates with the development of career plans and paths to becoming effective practice leaders
- Assess future health care trends and position the pharmacy profession to plan changes proactively
- Guide health systems in designing medication safety programs.

The Pfizer grant will be used solely to create the Residents' Visiting Leaders Program. Three highly respected pharmacy leaders will assist the Foundation in developing the structure and implementation plan for the program: David A. Zilz, Mick Hunt and Sara J. White.

The goal of this new program is to promote leadership as a professional obligation; to expand the exposure of pharmacy residents to successful health-system pharmacy leaders; and to increase awareness of health-system pharmacy leadership needs and opportunities.

Related Resources

The ASHP Foundation established the Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership

(www.ashpfoundation.org/leadership) in 2007. Its mission is to ensure that pharmacy leaders have the knowledge to proactively influence the medication-use system; to provide leadership development programs that promote the role of the pharmacist as a change agent and leader in patient care; and to integrate pharmacists into health-system leadership decision making in achieving organizational objectives.

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 (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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