

University of Missouri-Kansas City Crowned 2023 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Champion



From Left to Right: John Murphy, Pharm.D., FCCP, Claire Vogl, Hannah Kempker, and Rylee Pitts.



The three-member team from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy captured the 2023 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge title in an exciting match against the team from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy. From an initial field of 114 teams, these two institutions advanced through four online rounds of competition as well as live quarterfinal and semifinal matches to face each other in the Final Round held Monday, November 13, at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

The Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, now in its second decade of excellence, affords teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to compete in a “quiz bowl”-type competition. Each round of the competition consists of three segments: Trivia/Lightning, Clinical Case, and Jeopardy-style. Items are written and reviewed by an expert panel of ACCP members.

A large and enthusiastic crowd of ACCP Annual Meeting attendees gathered to cheer on both teams in the Final Round match. Representing Team UMKC were Hannah Kempker (team leader), Rylee Pitts, and Claire Vogl. Team Arkansas was represented by Tori Hoggard

(team leader), Lexi Jacobus, and Dylan Yowell. The two teams battled back and forth during the round. Team Arkansas had a significant lead after the Trivia/Lightning segment; however, during the Clinical Case section, Team UMKC pulled ahead with a strong performance. The final section of the match was the Jeopardy-style round, where teams were presented with 15 items (three items of 100, 200, or 300 points) in each of the following categories: Critical Care, Infectious Diseases, Men’s Health, Psychiatry/CNS Disorders, and Potpourri. The teams employed strategic choices as they navigated the Jeopardy grid, selecting the item categories they felt would best match their own unique strengths. Team UMKC held a 270-point lead with one 300-point item remaining, giving Team Arkansas a chance to take the lead. Ultimately, however, Team UMKC answered the 300-point Potpourri item correctly to claim the 2023 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Championship title.

Please join ACCP in congratulating the teams from both universities on their outstanding academic achievement. To view a complete listing of the teams that participated and progressed through each round of this year’s competition, visit <https://www.accp.com/stunet>.

ACCP Communities Platform Expected to Enhance PRN Communication

ACCP’s Practice and Research Networks (PRNs) are getting an upgrade! Plans are underway to roll out a new software platform loaded with features to enhance PRN communication and create virtual communities. New features on the ACCP Communities platform will include:

- The ability to create a Discussion Thread or Q&A Thread
- A unified feed that includes recent activity from all of your PRNs
- An improved web interface for posting, reading, and replying to messages
- Customizable notifications that allow for real-time, daily digest, or weekly digest emails

- An ACCP Communities app to optimize the experience on your mobile device

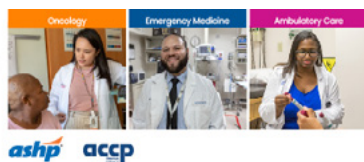
The new ACCP Communities platform will replace the existing PRN websites and email lists. To facilitate a smooth transition, the platform will maintain the same features members have come to expect, including:

- Announcements
- Events calendar
- Online document library
- The ability to start a new discussion thread or reply via email

Although current and historical email list discussions won't be imported into the new system, ACCP will provide access to an improved search tool allowing members to search over 20 years of PRN email list history. After the launch of the new platform, new discussions and questions will be preserved for future accessibility. The College plans to launch the new ACCP Communities platform on Monday, November 27, 2023. Please be on the lookout for a welcome email. We hope members will plan to make use of the new features to maximize engagement with PRN colleagues.

Registration Is Open for ACCP/ASHP's Live Review and Recertification Courses

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March 7–9, 2024 / Dallas, Texas



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ACCP and ASHP are teaming up to offer the best in board certification courses and other preparatory and

recertification resources! Join us March 7–9, 2024, in Dallas, Texas, for a weekend of focused preparation for the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) certification examination in ambulatory care pharmacy, emergency medicine pharmacy, or oncology pharmacy. Visit [Live Review and Recertification Courses \(rxcertifications.org\)](https://www.rxcertifications.org) to view the complete meeting schedule and register for this event.

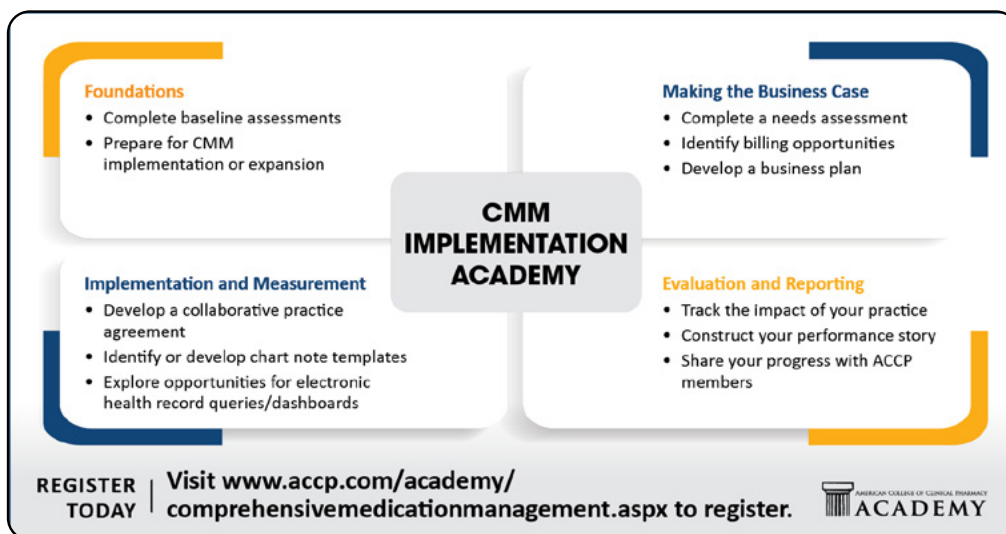
Developed by the two leading providers of certification and recertification resources in the country and prominent content experts and faculty, these courses use an interactive, case-based approach to help guide learners through key material. Each course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the corresponding specialty examination administered by BPS.

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Review and Recertification Course

- **Review Package:** Includes all recordings, slides (print/PDF), workbook (PDF), and practice examination
- **Recertification Package:** Includes all recordings, slides (print/PDF), workbook (PDF), and the recertification assessment (for those seeking recertification only) (24.5 recertification credit hours)

Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Review and Recertification Course

- **Review Package:** Includes all recordings, slides (print/PDF), workbook (PDF), and practice examination
- **Recertification Package:** Includes all recordings, slides (print/PDF), workbook (PDF), and the



Call for Nominations

All nomination materials, including letters, curricula vitae or resumes, and other supporting documents, can be submitted online to ACCP. **For all awards, honors, and officer/board positions, the College strongly urges nomination of qualified individuals who identify themselves as members of underrepresented groups in ACCP.** The online nominations portal specifies the nominating materials required for each award, honor, and elective office. This portal is available at www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx.

DEADLINES:

Due November 30, 2023 – Nominations for the fall 2024 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards) and the 2025 elected offices

Due February 1, 2024 – Nominees' supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the fall 2024 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards) and the 2025 elected offices

Due February 15, 2024 – Nominations for the 2024 Parker Medal, the 2025 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, the 2024 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2024 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs)

Due April 1, 2024 – Nominees' supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the 2024 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator) and the 2025 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture

DESCRIPTIONS:

2025 Officers and Regents: President-Elect, Regents, and ACCP Foundation Trustees. Nominees must be Full Members of ACCP and should have (1) achieved excellence in clinical pharmacy practice, research, or education; (2) demonstrated leadership capabilities; and (3) made prior contributions to ACCP. Current members of the Nominations Committee are ineligible. Please note that any qualifying Full Member may nominate themselves for office. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2023.**

2024 ACCP Fellows: Fellowship is awarded in recognition of continued excellence in clinical pharmacy practice or research. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP for at least 5 years, must have been

in practice for at least 10 years since receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree, and must have made a sustained contribution to ACCP through activities such as presentation at College meetings; service to ACCP committees, PRNs, chapters, or publications; or election as an officer. Candidates must be nominated by any two Full Members other than the nominee, by any Fellow, or by any member of the Board of Regents. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Publications (PPI) Board of Directors, Credentials: Fellowship Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2024.**

2024 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy: Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to improving or expanding the profession of pharmacy in an area of professional service – including, but not limited to, patient care, leadership, administration, finance, technology, information processing, service delivery, models of care, and advocacy. The award is not limited to pharmacists or ACCP members. Nominations must consist of a letter detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the profession of pharmacy; the nominee's curriculum vitae, resume, or biographical sketch as available; and a minimum of three letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current practice locale. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2023, including supporting documents.**

Robert M. Elenbaas Service Award: Considered to be a lifetime achievement award, this honor is conferred only when a particularly noteworthy candidate is identified in recognition of outstanding contributions to the vitality of ACCP or to the advancement of its goals that are well above and beyond the usual devotion of resources, be it time, energy, material goods, or a combination thereof. It is expected that nominees for this award will have been serving the mission of ACCP/clinical pharmacy for at least 20 years at the time of nomination. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award and his or her contributions to the College, the nominee's curriculum

vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2023. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2024, as noted above.**

C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy Award:

Like the Elenbaas Award above, this is considered to be a lifetime achievement award. The Webb Award is given only when a particularly noteworthy candidate is identified who has made outstanding contributions to the visibility and value of clinical pharmacy in national policy, intraprofessional, and interprofessional arenas; has assembled a record of mentoring others who have gone on to assume a health professions and health policy leadership role; and is recognized as an ambassador for clinical pharmacy both within and outside the profession. It is expected that nominees for this award will have advocated for the mission of ACCP/clinical pharmacy for at least 20 years at the time of nomination. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the College, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from either ACCP or non-ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice/place of employment. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2023. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2025 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award:

Honors an internationally recognized scientist whose research is actively advancing the frontiers of pharmacotherapy. The recipient of this award is not required to be an ACCP member. Nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and his or her sustained contributions to pharmacotherapy, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors,

Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2022. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2024 Russell R. Miller Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of clinical pharmacy, either as a single, landmark contribution or by sustained excellence over time. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the professional literature, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2023. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2024 Clinical Practice Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has developed an innovative clinical pharmacy service, provided innovative documentation of the impact of clinical pharmacy services, provided leadership in developing cost-effective clinical pharmacy services, or shown sustained excellence in providing clinical pharmacy services. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to clinical pharmacy practice, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2023. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2024 Education Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom or clinical training site, conducted innovative research in clinical pharmacy education, demonstrated exceptional dedication to continuing education programs, or demonstrated leadership in the development of education programs. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the

chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to health professional education, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2023. Supporting documents are due February 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2024 New Investigator Award: This award highlights the research program of an ACCP member who has made a major impact on an aspect of clinical pharmaceutical science. Nominees must have been a Full Member of ACCP at the time of nomination and a member at any level for at least 3 years; they must have a research program with a significant publication record having a programmatic theme or an especially noteworthy single publication; and it must have been within 6 years since completion of their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree, whichever is most recent. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her research program, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2024. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2024 New Clinical Practitioner Award: This award recognizes a new clinical practitioner who has made outstanding contributions to the health of patients and/or the practice of clinical pharmacy. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or

degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of nomination. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., "FCCPs") are ineligible. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her clinical contributions, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2024. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2024, as noted above.**

2024 New Educator Award: This award recognizes and honors a new educator for outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and to the education of health care practitioners. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of nomination. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., "FCCPs") are ineligible. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee's qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her clinical contributions, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee's current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2024. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2024, as noted above.**

recertification assessment (for those seeking recertification only) (26.5 recertification credit hours)

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ACCP Travel Awards Given for 2023 Annual Meeting

One of the best ways for students and postgraduate trainees to experience organized clinical pharmacy in action is to participate in an ACCP national meeting.

This fall, 30 students and postgraduate trainees were given the opportunity to do just that for the 2023 Annual Meeting. Congratulations to the following individuals who were offered 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting Travel Awards.

Resident/Fellow Travel Award Winners

- Izgi Bayraktar
- Trenton Flanagan
- Kirstie Freibert
- Kyle Furlow
- Madilyn Harris
- Durdana Iqbal
- Akshara Kumar
- Ligang Liu
- Tanner Melton
- Shams Osman
- Kristina Paramore
- Jacob Peace
- Kaitlyn Phillips
- Sara Salama
- Abdulwhab Shremo Msdi
- Angel-Rose Weber

Student Travel Award Winners

- Anika Azad
- Margaret Barabas
- Hanna Bronz
- Leah Franks
- Sabrina Gregor
- Connor Kelley
- Lindsey Little
- Kylie Michot
- Kaely Miller
- Johnny Nguyen
- Anestis Patrikios
- Anna Rehberg
- Alexa Risser
- Dalan Solomon

Travel awards encourage student and postgraduate trainee attendance at ACCP meetings and promote future involvement in the College. Information about the next cycle of travel awards will be available on the ACCP website next June. To qualify for a travel award, applicants must be (1) a current resident, fellow, or postgraduate trainee member of ACCP; or (2) a current student member pursuing his or her first professional degree who has completed at least one academic year in their professional pharmacy program. Applicants are required to submit an essay, CV, and letter(s) of recommendation from faculty members and/or preceptors.

ACCP Releases 2023 DEIA Plan Update

ACCP is dedicated to creating and sustaining a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA). Beginning in 2020, the ACCP Board of Regents (BOR) has had ongoing complex and in-depth conversations about equity, respect, diversity, and inclusion. In January 2021, the BOR engaged a consulting firm, Ameli Global Partnerships (AGP), and participated with ACCP staff in professional development activities focused on DEI principles and best practices. In collaboration with AGP, [ACCP's initial Strategic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan](#) was developed. Between 2021 and 2023, most objectives in that plan were accomplished, and additional member input was collected. Ongoing data and learning informed the development of phase II action plans that appear in an [updated DEIA plan](#) that outlines the objectives through 2025.

The updated plan includes a continued focus on enhancing inclusion within ACCP and the diversity of clinical pharmacy and ACCP membership. Strategic directions include the following:

1. Creating and sustaining an inclusive culture within ACCP
2. Increasing transparency and accessibility of service, leadership, and recognition opportunities within ACCP
3. Providing professional development and transparent member communication on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
4. Decreasing barriers to participation for groups that are underrepresented within clinical pharmacy and ACCP
5. Implementing bias-conscious policies and procedures within ACCP

The 2024 ACCP Task Force on DEIA has been impaneled to advise the BOR on issues related to DEIA and to implement charges from the DEIA plan. ACCP will employ ongoing monitoring of progress, and these efforts will be routinely communicated to ACCP members.

Washington Report

2023–2024 Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Update: Wasem Gawish, D.Ph., BCPS, BCMTMS, Placed with Senator Heinrich

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

The 2023–2024 ACCP-ASHP-VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow, Wasem Gawish, D.Ph., BCPS, BCMTMS, has confirmed that he will be serving in the office of Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM). During his placement year, Gawish will advise the senator's office on issues related to health care policy and pharmacy practice.



UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

Clinical Research Challenge (CRC) Registration Deadline

February 7, 2024

2024 ACCP/ASHP Board Review and Recertification Courses

March 7-9, 2024

Westin Galleria Dallas – Dallas, TX

During their congressional placement, fellows are typically responsible for researching and writing briefs on health care issues, assisting with policy analyses, and drafting memoranda, floor speeches, and questions for panelists at congressional hearings, as well as planning, organizing, and contributing to the senator or representative's office policy and management issues for the year.

The 2020–2021 fellow, Nimit Jindal, Pharm.D., is currently Health Policy Director in the office of Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO). Sarah Ray, Pharm.D., FAPhA, BCPS, Chair and Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Concordia University Wisconsin, School of Pharmacy, representing the ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN, spoke with Jindal about his experience working with health care policy and his path to get there. You can view the interview [here](#). Thanks to the Ambulatory Care PRN for sharing this resource!

About the Fellow Program

The 14-month fellow program, the only one of its kind in the nation, is a joint initiative led by the Government Affairs teams at ACCP and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Pharmacy. It provides active mentorship and hands-on



New Releases from ACCP's Self-Assessment Programs



ACSAP Gastrointestinal and Nutrition Care



CardSAP Blood Pressure Disorders and Practice Management



IDSAP Global Public Health Issues

experience within the U.S. Congress and offers fellows the opportunity to develop skills in issue prioritization, policy, legislation evaluation, research, writing, and advocacy.

Alumni Fellows

After their service in the program, past fellows have gone on to engage in a variety of important roles in health care policy and government:

- Amanda Ferguson, Pharm.D., serves as Health Legislative Assistant in the office of Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)
- Tatiana Bujnoch, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS, serves as Health Equity and Policy Associate at Morgan Health
- Rita (Habib) Livadas, Pharm.D., serves as Director, Global Public Health, Life Sciences at Becton, Dickinson and Co.

Applications for 2024–2025 Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program

Interested candidates should visit the pharmacy Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow program website for more information and instructions on submitting an application. For more information, [click here](#).

Guidelines for Author Inquiries

Journal editors often answer inquiries from prospective authors regarding proposed manuscripts. *Pharmacotherapy* receives numerous emails each year with questions about the journal's interest in a particular topic, usually one designated for a review of therapeutics. The quality and specificity of these requests vary widely. They are sometimes as brief as "Would you be interested in a review of ... *drug X used for disease Y*, or an update on the ... *<enzyme> inhibitors*?" It is difficult to reply properly to such inquiries containing minimal information. A simple response of "no" is unsatisfactory and unhelpful to a future author. To avoid these

quandaries, *Pharmacotherapy* includes in its masthead, under Scope and Purpose, four questions for authors to address when emailing the editorial office about possible review articles. Readers of the *ACCP Report* may also find additional comments on these four questions helpful when preparing inquiries for *Pharmacotherapy* or other journals.

The first item for authors to address is, **Describe how broadly the topic will appeal to the readership.** Although a journal masthead contains a description of the types of articles considered appropriate, this information is usually not very specific. Authors who describe the content of their proposed manuscript assist the editor in evaluating whether it falls into areas the readership would find valuable. Journal editors can be expected to have a broad knowledge of their field, but authors writing on a specialized topic that appeals to only a small proportion of the readership may assist editors by providing comments about its broader value. *Pharmacotherapy* has a substantial readership outside the United States, so potential authors should note, when appropriate, the value of their topic to an international audience. Submitting an abstract with an inquiry provides editors with the most helpful information.

The next item asks the inquirer to **provide a brief bibliography of any similar reviews published in *Pharmacotherapy* or the biomedical literature in the past 2 years.** Most journals try to minimize or avoid duplication of content that has been published recently in that journal or that is readily available in other journals. It is rarely convincing for the inquirer to state that "Journal X has published a review on this topic, so wouldn't your journal like to publish my review of the same therapeutic issue?" Journal editors are busy, like all professionals, and an inquiry is likely to be viewed more favorably when it contains relevant references, minimizing any need for the editor to search the literature for similar publications. Thus, specific references to this effect from the inquirer are helpful, such as "It has been 5 years since *Pharmacotherapy* has published



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a review on this topic, and no similar reviews have been published in other journals during this time, despite multiple advances in the field.”

Third, if the proposed review is drug related, **Will the review focus on one agent or compare drugs within a class?** Reviews of therapeutics focused on a single drug are less useful in providing new insight into pharmacotherapy than are reviews that place a drug in the context of available alternative therapies. A new drug that is the first in its class would be an exception. Even for a new drug, however, reviews should provide content beyond what is available in the product labeling and more than a summary of the results of pivotal trials. Manuscripts that identify gaps in the literature when a new drug is marketed, provide detailed critiques of existing data, or discuss unique aspects of how patient needs will be met are most likely to receive an editor’s encouragement for submission.

The fourth question to address is, **What research or clinical experience do the authors have with the topic?** *Pharmacotherapy’s* mission is to improve human health through the dissemination of pharmacotherapeutic scholarship. The journal does not exclude any category of authors. Students and residents routinely submit manuscripts for consideration, some of which are published. However, the logic behind this fourth question is that manuscripts that include coauthors who have the perspective of direct experience with the subject matter are most likely to provide authoritative reviews that are highly effective to a sophisticated readership.

A final issue is, When should an inquiry be sent to an editorial office? The answer is, Whenever an author is uncertain about a review’s suitability. When the above four questions are addressed in an inquiry, a journal editor can evaluate the fit of the proposed article for the specific journal. *Pharmacotherapy* and other journals are increasingly moving to invite more submissions of reviews, rather than relying on unsolicited submissions. Information from these four questions allows an editor to determine whether, and where, similar reviews may have recently been published and therefore whether the proposed content is already available to the readership. A properly written inquiry may allow an author to avoid days or weeks of delay after submitting a manuscript only to have the review rejected. Alternatively, a properly written inquiry may yield an editor’s assurance that the submission will be welcomed by the journal and considered for publication. The well-written inquiry is likely to result in a prompt and specific reply.

You can find advice like this and more in the newly released [*Publishing Biomedical Research and Reviews: Guidelines and Advice for Authors*](#) by Dr. C. Lindsay DeVane.

Foundation Investigator Development Programs for 2024



Work shoulder-to-shoulder with a team of experienced mentors guiding you through your first research project or skillful fine-tuning of a major grant submission/resubmission.

The next cohort of MeRIT and FIT investigators will gather June 3–7, 2024, on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy in Omaha, Nebraska. Application information for both programs in 2024 is available at www.accpfoundation.org/investigator/. Letters of intent to apply are due February 28 and applications are due March 31, 2024.

MeRIT Program

The Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) program is the Foundation’s latest support mechanism for investigator development, with a rapidly expanding record of participant success. This 2-year longitudinal program uses a combination of live and virtual teaching/mentoring methods to provide participants with the tools and guidance needed throughout the research experience, including the research question, proposal writing, funding application, IRB approval, results, presentation, and publication.

MeRIT is designed to help pharmacists develop the abilities necessary to conduct investigator-initiated research, either independently as a principal investigator or collaboratively as an active coinvestigator within a research team. Ideal candidates are pharmacy practitioners or faculty with limited research experience who are:

- Committed to incorporating research into their professional careers
- Interested in generating research themes or obtaining preliminary data for larger funding opportunities
- Aspiring to be active principal investigators or coinvestigators within a research team
- Able to commit at least 10% effort to research

Learn more about the MeRIT program at <https://www.accpfoundation.org/merit/>.

FIT Program

The Focused Investigator Training (FIT) program is a 5-day, intensive, hands-on program to help investigators succeed in the current research funding environment.

Each experienced investigator-participant takes the necessary steps toward maximizing the competitiveness of a K, R01, or similar investigator-initiated application for submission to the NIH or other major funding source. Participants are challenged to carefully examine research aims and explore individual professional research goals. By the end of the program, participants will have taken critical steps toward fine-tuning their applications to meet study section reviewers' expectations. The program's experienced and funded faculty mentors deliver a curriculum that offers:

- Small-group proposal development sessions
- Tip-rich discussions
- One-on-one mentor/statistician appointments
- Protected time for proposal development and revision

The ideal FIT applicant is a tenure-track or research-focused pharmacist in the final stages of preparing a grant application for submission/resubmission. Learn more about the FIT program at <https://www.accpfoundation.org/fit/>.

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Returns in 2024: Online Registration Now Open



Clinical Research Challenge

ACCP's innovative and unique competition offers teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to participate in an online journal club and the chance to submit a clinical research proposal. Plan now to [participate](#) in 2024. Team Registration Deadline: February 7, 2024.

The competition is only open to pharmacy students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree from an accredited institution, or one that has been granted candidate status, who are in the first 2 years of their first professional pharmacy degree program (P1 and

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