



University of Pittsburgh
School of Pharmacy

2016-2017 NACDS Foundation Faculty Scholars Program
A Community Faculty Research and Education Program

The NACDS Foundation Faculty Scholars program is designed to educate faculty at U.S. schools and colleges of pharmacy about effective and meaningful community pharmacy-based patient care research. The program also seeks to connect the Faculty Scholars with community pharmacy and research experts nationally to add to the diversity of their education. The Foundation will select up to five (5) Faculty Scholars to participate in the 2016-2017 class.

How the Program Works

Part 1 – Didactic Learning and Networking

The program will utilize a variety of teaching methods: web-based lecture content, on-line discussion forums, live meetings, regular conference call discussions and individual mentoring.

Starting August 2016, scholars will engage in weekly, then bi-weekly and finally monthly conference calls where they will share their progress, receive input from research experts and mentors, as well as provide peer review for one another. A detailed program syllabus is attached.

The first live meeting will take place at the NACDS Total Store Expo in Boston, MA, August 6-9, 2016.

Part 2 – Patient-Focused Research Project

The Faculty Scholars' educational institutions will be provided a \$2,500 starter research grant for each Scholar to design and implement a patient-focused research project conducted in a community pharmacy setting. Each Faculty Scholar will be expected to identify a research mentor and small working group at their own school/college of pharmacy to foster interactive discussion and peer critique as they progress with their project.

As a part of the Scholars experience, we will strive to connect them with as many resources as possible – both from a research and patient care standpoint. The Faculty Scholars will have many opportunities to meet leaders in community healthcare and education. During the research series, we will engage established faculty researchers

from across the county to provide insight and feedback to the Scholars. Conclusion of the program will coincide with the AACP Annual Meeting in July 2017.

Benefits to Participation

- Advanced education in community pharmacy-based patient care research – from conceptualization through manuscript preparation
- Coaching and support from experienced researchers at the University of Pittsburgh
- Starter research grant of \$2,500 to launch a patient care project
- Opportunity to network with thought leaders in community pharmacy care
- Travel support to national pharmacy conferences that include educational programming

Eligibility and Requirements

- Must be an assistant professor at an accredited U.S. school or college of pharmacy, with a minimum of 2 years experience in an assistant professor role
- Must have ability to implement a patient care research project at a community pharmacy practice site
- Commitment to participate in all conference calls and in-person meetings (estimated time commitment: 20%)
- Provide financial support for any expenses beyond those provided by the NACDS Foundation
 - NACDS Foundation covers: up to \$1,000 travel stipend, waived registration for 2016 NACDS Total Store Expo, \$2,500 research grant, and costs associated with mentoring/education from University of Pittsburgh
 - Participant covers: time required for participation in program, any travel expenses above Foundation's stipend, and registration fees for the 2017 AACP Annual Meeting

Application process

1. **Dean nomination:** Each U.S. school/college of pharmacy may nominate one full-time assistant professor. This nomination must consist of a letter from the Dean of the institution outlining the candidate's attributes and interests. Additionally, the letter should speak to support, goals and vision of the faculty member's role at the school. The Dean should also indicate a commitment that the faculty member will be provided with sufficient time and resources to complete the program successfully.
2. **Faculty statement of interest:** Each applicant must include a statement of interest, outlining their interest in community pharmacy-based patient care research and how this program will allow them to advance their research goals. Specifically, please include a list of potential research questions you

would consider pursuing with the research grant available in the Faculty Scholars Program. State the availability to commit to the project and summarize relevant experience to date.

3. **School infrastructure:** The applicant's statement of interest should also outline research mentors at the school/college of pharmacy that will serve as on-site mentors for the Faculty Scholar. Additionally, list potential community pharmacies where research could be conducted as part of the Scholars program, or any other available resources (community residencies, shared faculty, etc.).
4. **Curriculum vitae:** Attach a complete CV including name, degree(s), job title, affiliations, and contact information of the faculty member. Include any publications or relevant research/grants.

All materials for the application may be submitted electronically to Kyle J. McGrath, NACDS Foundation Executive Fellow, at kmcgrath@nacds.org by 5:00 P.M. EST on **May 31st, 2016**.

Questions

All questions regarding the program or application process should be directed in writing to:

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