

## AFPE Funds 54 Pharmaceutical Science Education Awards at 28 Pharmacy Schools

June 22, 2009 - Rockville, MD - The Board of Directors and Board of Grants of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education have approved pharmaceutical science education awards totaling \$375,000 to fifty-four PharmD degree students, PhD degree pharmaceutical science graduate students, and pharmacy faculty researchers at twenty-eight schools & colleges of pharmacy during the 2009-2010 academic year.

The approved AFPE scholarships, fellowships, and pharmacy faculty research grants are described below. Annual AFPE awards provide recognition, encouragement, and financial support to the outstanding pharmacy students, pharmaceutical science graduate students, and pharmacy faculty teachers nationwide.

The AFPE mission is to support the education of pharmaceutical scientists and to strengthen pharmaceutical sciences education at schools and colleges of pharmacy. AFPE relies on annual tax-deductible contributions from pharmacy and pharmaceutical science companies, foundations, associations, alumni, and friends to fund the annual AFPE pharmaceutical education awards program.

- Two Gateway to Research Scholarships to research-oriented PharmD degree pharmacy students to help them participate in a 1-year rigorous faculty-mentored research project intended to help them decide on pursuing an advanced graduate degree in the pharmaceutical sciences and a career in industry research or pharmacy college teaching.
- Two First Year Graduate School Scholarships, awarded in coordination with the Phi Lambda Sigma and Rho Chi pharmacy fraternities, to graduating PharmD degree students who are admitted to full-time pharmaceutical science PhD degree program at a school/college of pharmacy beginning in fall 2009.
- Forty-three Pre-Doctoral Fellowships in the Pharmaceutical Sciences and three Minority Pre-Doctoral Fellowships in the Pharmaceutical Sciences to help advanced pharmaceutical science PhD degree candidates at colleges/schools of pharmacy complete the research and dissertation phase of their PhD degree program and begin careers as industry scientists, pharmacy college faculty teachers & researchers, and government scientists.
- One Clinical Pharmacy Post-PharmD Fellowship in the Biomedical Research Sciences to assist a PharmD clinical pharmacist in obtaining the additional advanced education and research training in biomedical and related basic sciences to become a competitive clinical scientist involved in industry research or pharmacy college research and faculty teaching.
- One Minority Pharmacy Faculty New Investigator Award to help a pharmacy college faculty researcher develop the preliminary research data needed to apply for long term industry or government support for their independent pharmaceutical research program.
- Two Pharmacy College Faculty Development Fellowships to support pharmacy faculty teachers as they participate full-time in a 6-month research project, one in community pharmacy practice and one in geriatric pharmacy.

*Note: The name and research titles of the 2009 award winners and a list of annual AFPE patrons are attached.*