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\$10,000 research grant returns to boost a future pharmacy leader

A future leader of Australian hospital pharmacy will have the unique opportunity to accelerate their clinical knowledge with the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) today announcing the return of the [\\$10,000 Pfizer Young Pharmacist Grant](#), at a time of growing research focus across the pharmacy profession.

Applications for the grant – a joint initiative of SHPA and Pfizer, a diverse global healthcare organisation dedicated to improving health and well-being at every stage of life – are [now open](#) and will **close Thursday 26 September 2019**, with the winner announced at [Medicines Management 2019](#), the 45th SHPA National Conference in Gold Coast in November.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says the grant provides SHPA members with under 10 years' experience in hospital pharmacy an invaluable opportunity to advance their professional and clinical development through either a national or international preceptorship.

'The opportunity to learn from some of the best and brightest minds in the industry provides emerging pharmacists with a launching pad in their own career that will, in turn, assist with service improvement in Australian hospital pharmacies.

'The [2019 Pfizer Young Pharmacist Grant](#) will again focus on research as a component of a professional preceptorship, whether with a research mentor, as part of a research team or through dissemination of research via a clinical journal.

Ms Michaels says it is an exciting time for pharmacy research in Australia.

'In the last month SHPA has announced a new Research stream within our booming Specialty Practice framework and a new Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research*, which is positioned for further growth as the organisation's flagship journal.

'We are committed to supporting the embedding of research into the everyday practice of hospital pharmacists across Australia, expanding opportunities for them to publish novel findings and facilitating the peer-to-peer networking needed to turn a great idea into changes that impact patient care.'

Applications will comprise outline of pharmacy experience and achievements, plan or outline of proposed preceptorship, rationale for undertake a preceptorship, letter of support and outline of publication plans, and are due by **5.00pm Thursday 26 September**; view [timeline, application criteria and other key information](#).

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional, for-purpose organisation for leading pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.

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