

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy 2009-2010 New Investigators Program for Pharmacy Faculty

General Program Overview *Application Deadline: May 20, 2009*

This program, sponsored by a grant from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE), provides start-up funding for new pharmacy faculty's research programs. An increasing portion of the AFPE grant to AACP to support NIP comes from the pharmaceutical industry and associations. In recent years, the Abbott Laboratories Fund, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, GlaxoSmithKline, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation, Pfizer Inc., Sanofi-Synthelabo Inc., and Schering Laboratories have made contributions to AFPE to specifically support the NIP program.

Up to fifteen (15) grants of up to \$10,000 each maximum (no overhead allowed) will be awarded in the 2009-2010 academic year to individual faculty, starting their academic careers at U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy that are ACPE accredited (candidate or full accreditation status) and whose institution is a Regular Institutional member of AACP.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must have earned terminal degrees in their disciplines (Pharm.D., Ph.D.) and have a regular full-time faculty appointment at the assistant professor level. The applicant's initial appointment to a full-time faculty position, either at their current institution or from a previous institution, must have started no earlier than **July 1, 2004**. Faculty members whose official faculty appointment starts on **July 1, 2009**, or later are not eligible for the 2009-2010 program. Only one application per investigator will be accepted for review. Previous recipients of an AACP NIP grant or any other professional or disciplinary society (e.g., ACCP, ASHP, AAPS, PhRMA, etc.), disease association/society (e.g., American Heart or American Cancer Society), faculty new investigator or research starter program grant are not eligible to apply. Faculty members who presently hold principal investigator status on a federal agency grants (e.g., NIH, AHRQ, DOD, CDC etc.) are not eligible to apply. Start-up support from the university or college/school may be used as supplemental support for the proposed research.

Applicants to the NIP program must be members of AACP. Applications submitted by nonmembers will not be reviewed. An AACP membership application form may be accessed from our Web site (www.aacp.org) under "Join AACP." AACP provides a complimentary one-year membership to faculty in their first year of appointment. Complimentary membership is usually granted automatically when your school/college annually submits AACP Roster information. However, if you join the faculty after the Roster information has been compiled, you may not have been granted complimentary membership. To insure you obtain complimentary membership, request your dean send a letter to AACP indicating your first year faculty status. Contact Angie Edwards (aedwards@aacp.org) if you have questions about your membership status.

Notification of Intent to Submit

Please notify AACP no later than **April 22, 2009**, through e-mail (ddrakeley@aacp.org) or fax (703/836-8982) on the Letter of Intent form if you intend to submit a NIP application. This information will be used by the AACP section chairs to identify the number of reviewers needed in each discipline prior to the official application receipt date of **May 20, 2009**.

Applications

Applications must consist of **eight parts in the following order** to be considered for funding: 1) title page, with signatures of department chair and dean; 2) abstract page; 3) research narrative; 4) budget page; 5) biographical sketch form; 6) animal research approval letter, if applicable; 7) human subjects research approval letter, if applicable; and 8) other supporting documentation, if applicable. Forms for items 1, 2, 4, and 5 are included in the application forms. Applications not in the above stated order or not following directions for length will be sent back to the applicant and not reviewed.

Deadline for Receipt

Scan complete application (see Guidelines and Specifications for Preparing Applications) into a PDF file and e-mail it to Diane Drakeley (ddrakeley@aacp.org) by close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT), **May 20, 2009**. Electronic signatures are acceptable on the forms. Please do not mail a hardcopy of the completed application to AACP.

Review and Selection Process

Application review and recommendation for funding will be made by one of the following five AACP academic section review panels:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmacy Practice
- Social and Administrative Sciences

In reviewing the applications, attention will be given to the appropriateness of the goals, objectives, and methods to ensure that expectations are within the scope of the project. The reviewers will be asked to place as few limitations as possible on grant budgets; however, the necessity of using funds to support travel to meetings or computer hardware will be examined critically.

Announcement of Awards

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of awards in **mid-October 2009**. Some awardees will be selected by NIP program sponsors to receive their awards, but sponsors will play no role in the initial selection process. New investigators will receive an award agreement that must be signed and returned to AACP before funds will be distributed. Funds will be distributed approximately on or soon after **December 15, 2009**.

Reports

The successful applicant must submit either two (2) copies of a final report, or two (2) copies of any reprints of papers published in referred journals that result from the NIP-supported project, upon completion of the research, and no later than 18 months after the receipt of the NIP award. Final reports may vary in length, but should include the following: 1) nature of project, 2) goals and objectives, 3) methods, 4) results, 5) conclusions, and 6) contribution(s) to career, including grant proposals submitted as the result of the NIP project. The recipient must acknowledge funding support from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) and any other funding source through the AACP New Investigators Program for Pharmacy Faculty in any publication, poster, or other presentation resulting from the research.

Extension of Award

Requests to extend the contracted completion date for projects must be made in writing or by e-mail to Kenneth W. Miller, AACP Senior Vice President (kmiller@aacp.org). The requests will be carefully reviewed and determination of a project extension will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Termination of Award

Circumstances may arise necessitating the termination of the project by either the college/school or the new investigator prior to completion. This may be arranged at any time by agreement between the individual, the college/school, and AACP. Termination will be made with the understanding that all unexpended funds will be returned to AACP, and that any unpaid balance of the award will be cancelled.

For questions concerning the New Investigators Program, please contact:

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