

**Information and Application for
Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund Stipends for
FIRST-TIME LIBRARIAN ATTENDEES
at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)
Annual Meeting - Pharmacy Education 2026**

**Stipend Program Administered by the AACP Drug Information and Library Sciences
Section**

“The mission of The Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund is to increase librarians’ identification with medical, pharmaceutical, and health care professionals. Librarians experienced in managing knowledge and teaching informatics can supply quality information by becoming ongoing members of the health care team. Immersion in the health care environment is necessary for librarians to understand how health care professionals solve problems individually and through consensus.” For more information about the fund, see <http://www.sewellfund.org>.

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) annual meeting is the largest national gathering of academic pharmacy educators, administrators, and staff. The 2026 meeting, called Pharmacy Education 2026, will be held July 18-21 in Grapevine, Texas.

For librarians who have never attended an AACP annual meeting, the Sewell Fund stipend is a minimum of \$1000.00. The stipend may not cover all meeting and travel expenses but will pay 100% of the meeting registration fee. Recipients of the Sewell Fund stipend will independently register for Pharmacy Education 2026 and determine their own travel and lodging. Following the meeting, recipients will receive the stipend to reimburse meeting costs.

Deadline for application: May 29, 2026

Eligibility criteria for first-time AACP attendees:

Professional librarians with the MLS/MLIS degree who are **directly responsible** for information support, collection development, and instruction for a pharmacy academic curriculum are eligible for a stipend. At the time of application for a stipend, the applicant must be employed in a library supporting a pharmacy college/school and the pharmacy college/school must be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or have begun the process to be accredited by ACPE.

If not already a member of AACP, recipients of the Sewell Fund stipend are encouraged to consider becoming a member of AACP. AACP has an [open-membership model](#) where faculty and staff of member pharmacy schools or colleges receive AACP membership. Membership dues are paid at the pharmacy program level and individuals do not pay for membership.

Recipient requirements:

1. Recipients must attend the Drug Information and Library Science Section (DILS) programs in their entirety, and all posters sponsored by DILS. Recipients are encouraged to attend the Basic Resources planning session if one is included in the meeting schedule.
2. Recipients must attend at least three other sessions, at least one of which must be a plenary/general session for all attending the meeting. Recipients are encouraged to attend more than this minimum number of sessions.
3. Recipients who have never attended an AACP annual meeting before are encouraged to discuss the program with a pharmacy school faculty member who is attending/has attended the meeting. This discussion may occur before, during, or after the meeting.
4. Immediately following the meeting, recipients must submit a report (not to exceed 300 words), giving highlights and perceptions of the AACP, DILS, and other sessions attended (a summary, not just a list). Discuss how these experiences will be beneficial in your work with pharmacy faculty and students. These reports will be published online as models for future applicants, and they may be selected for subsequent publication in print.

Application process:

Complete the attached application form, including:

- A brief description of your responsibilities as liaison to the pharmacy college/school.
- A brief statement (150-200 words) explaining what you expect to gain from attending Pharmacy Education 2026. The statement should address how receiving a stipend would allow you to meet the stated goal of the Sewell Fund to “increase librarians’ identification with medical and health care professionals,” in this case pharmacy educators.

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Name _____

Title _____

University/College _____

Library _____

Library
mailing
address _____

Email address _____

Telephone number _____

Have you attended an AACP annual meeting? If so, when?

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By submitting this application, you agree to complete the responsibilities outlined in the Recipient Requirements above. If attendance at Pharmacy Education 2026 is not possible, you are responsible for notifying the Awards Committee as soon as possible.

E-mail the completed application by **May 29, 2026** to Amanda Margolis at Amanda.Margolis@wisc.edu