

# Unite for Impact: A National Collaborative Challenge

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Unite for Impact invites teams to develop bold, sustainable solutions that strengthen community pharmacy practice and improve patient care. This FAQ outlines eligibility, expectations, and submission requirements to support your team's success.

### **How will project submissions be judged?**

Projects will be reviewed by AACP staff, AACP Academy leaders, and external partners. Submissions will be evaluated based on Innovation & Originality, Collaboration & Partnerships, Measurable Impact, Sustainability & Scalability, and Storytelling & Presentation.

### **Who is eligible to participate in the Challenge?**

Each team must include: 2 faculty members (at least one must have attended the 2025 AACP Advancing Community Pharmacy Institute), 1 practicing community pharmacist (not a full-time faculty member), 2 trainees (student pharmacist, resident, fellow, or graduate student), and 1 external partner (not directly affiliated with the institution).

### **Who is considered a practicing community pharmacist?**

A pharmacist not employed full-time in academia who primarily provides direct patient care within a community setting (e.g., chain or independent pharmacy).

### **Are trainees required to participate in the entire project?**

No. Trainees must make a recognizable contribution to the project but are not required to participate in all components.

### **Is there a page limit on project submissions?**

Yes. Supporting appendices, including data tables, workflows, media, and partner letters, must not exceed five pages.

### **Does my project need to be completed, or can it be ongoing?**

Projects do not need to be fully completed by the April 6, 2026, deadline. Ongoing or incomplete projects may be submitted, though the stage of completion may influence scoring.

### **Does our team need representation at the AACP Pharmacy Education Annual Meeting in Grapevine, TX?**

Yes. Category winners and the overall winner must have at least one representative attend Pharmacy Education 2026. Travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of the attendees.

### **When is the Challenge Check-In?**

The Challenge Check-In will occur via Zoom on February 19, 2026, at 1 PM ET. This session helps teams stay on track, ask questions, and learn from one another. Registration is not required to attend. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/jHeJtYlgTkmhyAUN87etAw#/registration>.

#### Partners:

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## How will the winners be recognized?

Category winners will be invited to present during a special session at the 2026 AACP Annual Meeting. Grand prize winners receive a featured presentation, a multimedia package, publication support, and an invitation to a national policy roundtable.

## How can I receive partner support?

Teams may still request assistance if you would like support connecting with external partners, including NASPA or NCPA. We are happy to help facilitate those connections where appropriate. For questions, partnership assistance, or general Challenge support, please contact [aacpcenter@aacp.org](mailto:aacpcenter@aacp.org).

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