



AMCP/FMCP/Allergan, Inc



Specialized Summer

Internship Program in Health Outcomes

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Q1. Who is eligible to participate in the AMCP/FMCP/Allergan Specialized Summer Internship Program in Health Outcomes?

A. Eligibility Criteria

- Completion of the online application and submission of three letters of reference by close of business Monday, February 1, 2010.
- Full-time enrollment in the 2nd or 3rd professional year of the PharmD curriculum at an ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy during the 2009-2010 school year with anticipated graduation in 2011 or 2012. Students enrolled in a joint PharmD/MBA curriculum are eligible but graduate students are not eligible.
- Submission of three letters of reference as described below in Question 6
- Ability to complete the internship during a consecutive ten week period between the months of May through August 2010. Exact dates will be coordinated with the Allergan preceptors and the interns.
- Eligible students may simultaneously apply for this internship and the AMCP/FMCP/Pfizer Managed Care Pharmacy Summer Internship Program.
- Eligible students who applied for the 2009 programs but were not accepted may reapply.

Q2. What is the official starting date of the internship program?

A. There is no "official" starting date for the program. The internship program may be completed during a ten-consecutive week period between the months of May and August. Ideally, both student pharmacists selected for this program will serve their internship at the same time. The starting date for each intern may vary, and is based on his/her availability and the availability of the preceptors at the internship sites. Typically, most interns start the internship shortly after completion of their spring semester. Student pharmacists who attend schools with early spring semester completion dates, usually start in early- to mid-May. Some student pharmacists may start their internship as late as the end of June. Almost any starting date is acceptable, provided the internship program can be completed by August 31st.

Q3. What are the site locations for this specialized intern program?

A. Both student pharmacists selected for this program will serve 8 weeks of their internship with Allergan's Global Health Outcomes Group on the Allergan campus in Irvine, California. Interns will serve one week at a managed health care system. In 2009 that site was WellPoint in West Hills, California. At the conclusion of the nine weeks, the interns will travel from their internship site to Alexandria, VA, and will spend one week at the AMCP/FMCP offices.

Q4. May I simultaneously apply for the AMCP/FMCP/Pfizer Managed Care Summer Internship Program AND the AMCP/FMCP/Allergan Specialized Summer Internship Program in Health Outcomes?

- A. Yes, eligible student pharmacists may apply for both intern programs in the same year. A student pharmacist applying for both programs will be given due consideration for both but, if selected, will only be selected for one of the programs and will not have the option to choose between the two programs.

NOTE: Due to the unique focus of the Pfizer and Allergan sponsored programs, student pharmacists applying for both intern programs must submit the online application for each program and three letters of reference/recommendation for each program (for a total of six).

Q5. *How much travel is involved?*

A. Interns will first travel from their home/school to Allergan headquarters in Irvine, CA. During the nine week period, interns will travel to a managed health care system for one week. At the conclusion of the nine weeks, the interns will travel from their internship site to Alexandria, VA, and will spend one week at the AMCP/FMCP offices. Upon conclusion of the week at AMCP/FMCP, the site rotation portion of the internship program is complete, and the interns typically return to their home/school. In October, all interns will travel from their home/school to the location of the AMCP Educational Conference.

NOTES:

- The program coordinators, TPG Educational Resources, will handle all travel arrangements.
- Interns may be required to travel to offsite meetings. Reimbursement for this travel will be based on the purpose of the travel.
- Due to the lack of public transportation in the Irvine, CA area, interns must have access to a car.
- Daily commuting expenses to and from the internship site and the internship hotel/residence are not reimbursed.

Q6. *How many letters of reference are required, and who should write them?*

A. In addition to submitting the online application, each applicant is required to submit three letters of reference/recommendation **for each program applied for**. A different person must write each letter.

- The first letter must be from the Dean's office at your school of pharmacy specifying that you are enrolled full time in the PharmD curriculum, are in good academic standing And stating your cumulative pharmacy school GPA. A staff member of the Dean's office may sign it. This is not a letter of recommendation. **DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPTS**
- A pharmacist faculty member from the school of pharmacy writes the second letter of recommendation.
- A pharmacist, not affiliated with the school of pharmacy, and not a relative of the applicant, writes the third letter of recommendation. This may be from the student's IPPE preceptor.

NOTE: Letters of reference from the school of pharmacy (Dean's office and faculty member) must be written on the school's letterhead.

Q7. *I applied for the program during my second year of the pharmacy program, but was not awarded an internship. I am now in my third year. Am I eligible to submit an application for this year's program?*

A. Yes.

Q8. *How many student pharmacists are awarded internships in the program?*

A. Each year, two (2) student pharmacists are awarded internships in the AMCP/FMCP/Allergan Specialized Summer Internship Program in Health Outcomes.

Q9. *What will I be doing during the internship?*

A1. One of the goals of the program is to provide student pharmacists with experience in health outcomes research and measurement and its application to evidence-based decision making in managed health care systems. Interns will also learn the importance of health outcomes in the development and marketing of a pharmaceutical product. Based on one of the major projects assigned by your preceptor, you will repurpose your project and results to a poster and present it at AMCP's Educational Conference scheduled in October of that year. In addition, all interns will participate in the Annual AMCP/FMCP Intern Best Project Competition. Interns will present their project posters to a panel of judges. Projects will be judged on the basis of scientific merit, innovation and practicality and presenter's knowledge of the subject matter and ability to articulate key elements of their research. The competition winner will receive a \$3500 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$1500 scholarship award. Each will also receive an engraved plaque and recognition in the *AMCP News*.

NOTE: The subject of the poster may not be the same as the project you described in the essay submitted with your application. You will work with your Allergan preceptor to determine the topic for this project.

A2. While at the AMCP/FMCP offices, you will learn about AMCP and FMCP, meet with department heads and undertake a review of an article submitted for publication in the *Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy*. You may attend meetings with department heads and educational sessions and you will provide an informal presentation of the project that you worked on while at the internship site.

Q10. *Will I receive a stipend during the internship? If so how will it be paid?*

A. Interns will receive a stipend for the duration of the 10 week program. For 2010 the stipend is \$640.00 per week. A stipend check will be deposited to your account via a direct deposit system. The stipend check will be issued on a bi-weekly basis (5 times during your 10-week internship). Your first check will be

issued during the second week of your internship. TPG Educational Resources will be issuing payments directly to your bank for deposit only.

Taxes: Your stipend check will NOT have taxes deducted from it. **Interns are responsible for reporting all taxable income to the IRS.** In January 2011, TPG Educational Resources LLC will mail to you an IRS 1099-MISC form (using the address indicated on your W-9 form). Interns will need to pay taxes on this amount. Interns will use the 1099-MISC form during preparation and submission of their 2010 personal income tax return.

NOTE: Interns do not receive a stipend during the AMCP Educational Conference; however, meal expenses may be reimbursed per the program expense reimbursement schedule.

Q11. *What expenses incurred during the internship program will be reimbursed?*

A1. Generally, expenses that are related to travel to the internship site from home/school may be reimbursed. These include:

- Mileage reimbursement (if the intern drives his/her car to the internship site)
- Meal reimbursement during the trip to/from the internship sites (in accordance with the intern expense reimbursement policies)
- Reimbursement for excess baggage fees up to a total of \$50.00

NOTES: ➤ Other non-standard expenses **may** be considered for reimbursement on a case-by-case basis. Interns will receive a welcome packet that contains, among other documents, the expense reimbursement guidelines. The program administrator will have the final say in all reimbursement questions.

- Reimbursement claims for individual covered expenses over \$25.00 must be accompanied by a receipt.
- Major expenses such as airline tickets and hotel accommodations are paid by the program. This means that no payment is required of the intern; therefore no reimbursement is necessary for those types of expenses.
- Upon checking into your extended stay location you will be required to present a credit card to cover incidental expenses.

A2. Examples of expenses **NOT** reimbursed include:

- Daily commuting expenses
- Meal and food expenses while at the internship sites and AMCP/FMCP offices
- Entertainment expenses
- Car rental expenses

A3. FMCP will also reimburse interns for poster production expenses up to \$300.00.

Q12. *Does this internship qualify as a specialty rotation?*

A. The internship **may** qualify as a specialty rotation; however, since each college of pharmacy has its own guidelines for such rotations, the student pharmacist applying for the program must ascertain the requirements for his/her school. Some examples of requirements include: site must register with the college; student pharmacist cannot accept compensation during rotation period, etc. If the applicant determines that the internship qualifies as a rotation, FMCP will work with the student pharmacist, wherever possible, to ensure that credit for the rotation can be provided.