



## The 2010 AMCP/FMCP/Pfizer Managed Care Pharmacy Summer Internship Program

All applications must be submitted online at [www.fmcenet.org](http://www.fmcenet.org) or [www.amcp.org](http://www.amcp.org)

**The Application Submission Deadline is February 1, 2010**

### **Internship Overview**

Through participation in a structured ten week internship program, selected student pharmacists are afforded the opportunity to directly participate in the daily activities of managed care pharmacy practice sites to include health plans, pharmacy benefit management companies and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC). The twelve student pharmacists chosen for this program are also exposed to the working environment of a professional membership society and the pharmaceutical industry. Since its inception in 1993, The **AMCP/FMCP/Pfizer Managed Care Pharmacy Summer Internship Program** has consistently garnered high ratings from participating student pharmacists. Typical comments received by the interns in their satisfaction surveys include: “My experience this summer was nothing short of amazing...this has solidified my decision to pursue a career in managed care pharmacy...” “Through this program I have been able to gain experiences that I could not get elsewhere.” “The internship turned out to be the best summer experience I had ever had throughout my pharmacy years.”

### **To Accomplish the Program Goals, Each Intern Will**

- Complete a nine week structured rotation under the supervision of a pharmacist-preceptor at a managed health care system or VAMC. During this time the intern will spend a week interacting with a Medical Outcomes Specialist representing the program sponsoring pharmaceutical company.
- Work with the preceptor to conceptualize, develop and complete a project related to *Improving the Quality of Patient Care in a Managed Care Pharmacy or VAMC Practice Setting*.
- Complete a one week rotation under the supervision of a pharmacist at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy/Foundation for Managed Care Pharmacy headquarters in Alexandria, VA.
- Convert their completed project results into poster format and exhibit their posters during the 2010 AMCP Educational Conference in St. Louis, MO
- 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*.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Student Certification/Verification section.
- 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 site and intern.
- Eligible students may simultaneously apply for this internship and the AMCP/FMCP/Allergan Specialized Summer Internship Program in Health Outcomes. **If applying for both AMCP/FMCP summer internship programs, applicants must complete and submit both online applications and submit 3 letters of reference for each program (for a total of 6 letters).**
- Eligible students who applied for the 2009 programs but were not accepted may reapply.

### Award

- Salary of \$640 per week for 10 weeks
- Coverage of housing and other approved program-related expenses
- Coverage of approved travel-related expenses to the internship site
- Coverage of approved travel-related expenses to the AMCP/FMCP headquarters in Alexandria, VA. (Left justify this bullet)
- Coverage of approved travel-related expenses and accommodations to attend the 2010 AMCP Educational Conference, October 13-16, 2010 in St. Louis, MO.

### Student Pharmacist Certification/Verification

The following letters of reference/recommendation are required in support of your application:

1. Letter from the Dean's office confirming that the student is in good academic standing and stating the student's current pharmacy school cumulative GPA. (*This is not a letter of recommendation*). **DO NOT SEND TRANSCRIPTS**
2. One letter from a pharmacist faculty member (*This is a letter of recommendation*)
3. One letter from a non-relative, non-faculty member pharmacist (*This is a letter of recommendation and may be from the student's IPPE or APPE preceptor*)

*Note: Each letter must be written by a different individual. Letters must be placed in individually sealed envelopes and mailed in the same package along with an original signed and dated copy of the completed online application.*

## **Selection and Logistics**

- Applicants will be screened and judged by a panel of managed care pharmacists who will select 36 finalists. **FMCP will assign finalists to internship sites.**
- Following telephone interviews with the site preceptor, each preceptor will choose the applicant who will serve the internship at their site.
- The summer internship will span a consecutive ten-week period between May and August 2010.
- Applicants will be notified on or before March 22, 2010.

## **2009 Site Examples**

- Coventry Health Care, Kansas City, MO
- Long Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Long Beach, CA
- Regence BlueCross BlueShield, Portland, OR
- Prime Therapeutics, Eagan, MN
- Independent Health, Buffalo, NY

## **Reminders:**

- To be eligible for one of the 12 summer internships positions, all application materials must be submitted online and postmarked by Monday, February 1, 2010.
- Complete and submit the online application (Required). Then print, date and sign the application
- Mail the completed, dated and signed application and three letters of reference in one package to FMCP. Be sure to retain copies of all documents for your files.

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Send Application and Three Letters of Reference in One Package to:

AMCP/FMCP/Pfizer Summer Internship Program  
c/o Ebony Clay  
100 North Pitt Street, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Tel: 800-826-2627 or 703-683-8416  
Fax: 703-683-8417

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