ASHP Foundation Literature Awards Program: Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. As the philanthropic arm of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, our vision is that: Patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and technical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the health care team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. The strategic priorities vital to the ASHP Foundation include: facilitate and strongly support the pharmacy profession in advancing pharmacy practice models that foster pharmacists’ leadership and accountability for patient outcomes; create demand for new models of pharmacy practice that leverage the expertise and unique abilities of pharmacists; drive the advancement of the human, technical, and leadership competencies of pharmacists and pharmacy staff in complex and rapidly changing organizations; and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the ASHP Foundation.

The Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice is for an outstanding contribution to the biomedical literature that describes an innovation in pharmacy practice in hospitals or health systems. The award is given annually to the author(s) of the most noteworthy contribution to the literature describing an innovative pharmacy practice in hospitals or health systems published during the calendar year preceding the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting at which the Award is presented.

The recipient of this award receives a $4,000 honorarium, a $1,000 expense allowance to attend the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting for the award ceremony, and a plaque.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Nomination
The ASHP Foundation will request nominations from ASHP component groups (e.g., sections, advisory groups), the editors of American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, and deans of schools/colleges of pharmacy. In addition, individual ASHP members and affiliated state societies may nominate candidates for awards. Authors may nominate themselves as well.

Articles
The article submitted for the Award for Innovations in Pharmacy Practice must have been published in a PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed biomedical journal in the 2014 calendar year. Print or electronic articles that were published in 2014 are eligible for consideration. Articles that were published electronically in 2013 and in print in 2014 are not eligible for consideration if the electronic version was submitted for consideration in the 2014 Literature Awards Program cycle.

Author
For this Award, the applicant must be a pharmacist. The applicant must be either the first or corresponding author listed on the nominated article. To be eligible for this award, the applicant must have participated in each of the following: (1) substantial contributions to conception and design, or
acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; and (2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and (3) final approval of the version to be published. To be eligible for this award, conditions 1, 2, and 3 must all be met.

In the electronic application please check which of the following activities you participated in as part of your authorship role for the submitted paper (Check all that apply):

- Conception or design
- Acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data
- Statistical analysis
- Drafting of the manuscript
- Critical revision of the manuscript for important intellectual content
- Final approval of the version to be published
- Obtaining funding
- Supervision

Selection panel members, ASHP staff members, ASHP Foundation staff members, members of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors, and members of the ASHP Board of Directors are not eligible to apply for this award.

**Selection Process**

The ASHP Foundation reserves the right to change the categorization for submitted articles at the discretion of ASHP Foundation staff and external reviewers. For example, an article submitted through the Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice category could be re-classified to the Pharmacy Practice Research Award category.

Complete applications will be reviewed by members of a review panel appointed by the ASHP Foundation Board of Directors.

The recipient of the award will be notified after the review is completed, and a public announcement of the recipient will be made prior to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Awards are formally presented during the Literature Awards Breakfast at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

**Selection Criteria**

The following scoring and criteria will be used by the Review Panel as they review the nominated article:

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<td>4.6 – 5.0</td>
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The maximum possible overall score is 25 points.

**Originality (5 points maximum)**
- Is the information provided in the article new? If it is not original, was the article necessary to move the field forward?

**Impact (5 points maximum)**
- Does the article submitted by the applicant address an important problem/issue (e.g., nationally/internationally recognized public health issue) related to medications?

**Innovation (10 points maximum)**
- Does the submitted article have the potential to:
  - Contribute in a meaningful way to the evidence base;
  - Advance and/or change safe and effective medications use;
  - Advance and/or change practice;
  - Address gaps in practice;
  - Challenge paradigms;
  - Introduce new technologies or techniques; and/or
  - Introduce new research methods?
- Can the applicant’s work be generalized to other settings to advance medication-use and public health?

**Quality (5 points maximum)**
- Was the article published in a high impact biomedical journal?
- Has the article been cited in other peer-reviewed articles in biomedical journals?

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

Please provide a valid, frequently used email address that is readily accessible. The ASHP Foundation will conduct several communications via email and these items can be time-sensitive. Failure to reply in a requested time frame can result in disqualification.

Include information for all co-authors cited in the article. All co-authors must be notified that the article is being submitted for consideration for this award.

The article submitted for the Award for Innovations in Pharmacy Practice must have been published in a PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed biomedical journal from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Print or electronic articles that were published in 2014 are eligible for consideration. Articles that were published electronically in 2013 and in print in 2014 are not eligible for consideration if the electronic
version was submitted for consideration in the 2014 award cycle.

Include the PubMed ID number for the nominated article. Upload a copy of the article.

Describe the significance of the submitted article. You must have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content. Describe your role regarding each of the following: (1) substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; and (2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and (3) final approval of the version to be published. To be eligible for this award, conditions 1, 2, and 3 must all be met.

You must upload a signed certification page acknowledging that all authors have been informed that an application for this article has been submitted to the 2015 ASHP Foundation Literature Awards Program and that all of the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.