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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: MOVING PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACY FORWARD THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Chris Thomas, AAPP Foundation President



You will see several messages from myself and the AAPP Foundation highlighting the programs and grants we have sponsored over the last year, along with our plans for continued partnership with AAPP to advance the profession. To summarize, the four specific areas that AAPP and the AAPP Foundation are working together to grow the profession are:

1. Attracting New Psychiatric Pharmacists
2. Job Creation
3. Growing Future Leaders
4. Supporting Communities and the patients we serve

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The continued partnership will be even more important as AAPP embarks on its aggressive strategic plan to move the profession forward. As such, the AAPP Foundation will be represented at the AAPP Board Meeting in November to continue to collaborate on the future of the organizations and our profession.

I am also excited to announce that early next year, the AAPP Foundation will release its first annual report highlighting initiatives, grants awarded, grant recipients, income, spending, and persons that graciously donated to the Foundation over the previous year. This is an important milestone in the Foundation as our continued growth necessitates summary communications regarding all efforts and our desire to be fully transparent with investments, income, and spending of the generous donations contributed to the Foundation.

Finally, we ask you to continue to move forward with us by helping AAPPF to meet its year-end fundraising goal of \$60,000. Our increasing number of grant programs and projects are only able to continue because of your support. Take action now to help us reach our \$60,000 goal for 2022. We're [tracking our progress online](#). To contribute to a specific campaign or project, please add a note to your donation in the [online pledge system](#). If you prefer a monthly donation, consider setting up a recurring donation through the [AAPP Foundation Facebook](#) page. There are no processing fees, and you can cancel at anytime.



The AAPP Foundation Board of Directors and I thank you for time, your contributions, and your energy. Together, we're moving psychiatric pharmacy forward!



Chris Thomas, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP

UPCOMING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE AAPP FOUNDATION

In collaboration with AAPP, three exciting projects are planned or in progress for 2023 that will advance the psychiatric pharmacist workforce. Donor support has made these projects possible – thank you to everyone who has donated to the AAPP Foundation so far in 2022. To support these projects as we move into 2023, please consider a gift toward our [year-end campaign](#).



1. **Residency Showcase (Nov. 2022):** The AAPP Foundation (AAPPF) provided funding for technology and infrastructure updates for the [residency showcase](#). These expanded options include capacity for video uploads and the scheduling of individual interviews. AAPPF also funded participation for all residency programs, so now PGY1 residents, students, and residency programs can participate free of charge.
2. **Phase I Research for AAPP's Employer Resource Center Task Force:** Making the case for the creation of psychiatric pharmacy residencies and the hiring of BCPPs (i.e. creating jobs) is a focal point for this taskforce. With the Foundation's support, in-depth employer interviews and research is underway to inform the contents of the center intended to be broadly available and promoted in late 2023, early 2024.
3. **Leadership Curriculum:** Our rapidly evolving world and health care system needs leaders. AAPP and the AAPP Foundation are dedicated to growing the next generation of leaders in psychiatric pharmacy. Work will soon be underway to prioritize leader competencies and develop a curriculum that will support pharmacists in preparing for opportunities to make a difference as a leader.

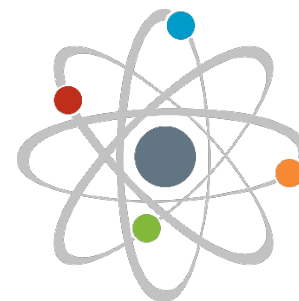
Contributions to our [year-end campaign](#) will support these projects along with ongoing projects and initiatives, including:

- Defining the Future Research Grant Program
- Student Chapter Impact Grant Program
- Student Registration Awards for the AAPP Annual Meeting

If there is a specific project that you would like to support, please add a note in the online order system when making your donation. Thank you for helping us move psychiatric pharmacy forward.

2022 DEFINING THE FUTURE GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The AAPP Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the seventh annual ***Defining the Future Research Grant Awards***. The AAPP Foundation was encouraged by the submissions from students, residents, and fellows who are working to improve the lives of people living with mental disorders and their caregivers. Thank you to everyone who applied and are doing this important research.



A requirement of the [Defining the Future grant program](#) is that the research project must mirror the [mission and vision](#) of the AAPP Foundation. After a thorough evaluation process, the grant selection team chose four projects to receive grant funding. The award recipients are as follows (in alphabetical order):

- **Nisha Bhavsar, PharmD**, PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident, USC School of Pharmacy: "A Retrospective Case Control Study: Opioid Overdose Rates and Buprenorphine Distribution to Retail Pharmacies by Zip Code in California"
- **Trisha McHugh, PharmD**, PGY-2 Psychiatry Resident, Eskenazi Health: "Gender Health Client Perceptions of Clinical Psychiatric Pharmacist Interactions: A Convergent Parallel Mixed Method Study"
- **Matthew Nuebel, PharmD**, PGY1 Resident, Providence St. Patrick Hospital: "Major Adverse Events and Drug Discontinuation of Clozapine Based on Accordance to an International Titration Guideline"
- **Lusi Zhang, PharmD, MHI**, PhD Student, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology (ECP): "Real-World Utilization and Impact of Psychiatric Pharmacogenomic Testing in a Large Health System"

Defining the Future Research Grants are awarded annually. Applications are due late summer, and recipients are announced in October. Pharmacy students, residents, and fellows are eligible to apply. Now is the time to start thinking about your research project and make plans to apply during the 2023 grant cycle. Additional information will be posted online at aappf.org/grants/dfg when it becomes available.

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COVID CARE GRANT RECIPIENT PRESENTATIONS POSTED

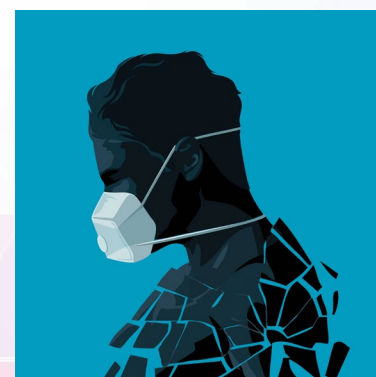
Last month, the AAPP Foundation Board of Directors hosted the three recipients of COVID Care Grants to hear presentations about their projects and the impact on patient care! [Presentation recordings are posted and can be viewed online.](#)

Grant Recipients

Enhancing Psychiatric Care in the COVID Era through Pharmacy-Based Long-Acting Injectable Delivery

Principal Investigator: Samantha Vogel, PharmD, BCPP, Clinical Assistant Professor, Behavioral Health Pharmacist, UT Austin College of Pharmacy

Grant Amount: \$5000



Implementation of a Psychiatric Pharmacist driven Mental Health COVID-19 Continuation of Care Clinic

Principal Investigator: Andrew Michael Williams, PharmD BCPP BCGP, Senior Clinical Pharmacist, Behavioral Health Pharmacies, Riverside University Health System

Grant Amount: \$3000

Increasing Access to Psychiatric Care During a Global Pandemic through Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Telehealth Services

Principal Investigator: P. Brittany Vickery, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP, Associate Professor Wingate University School of Pharmacy, The Free Clinics

Grant Amount: \$3700

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, SUPPORTED BY THE AAPP FOUNDATION

The AAPP Foundation is proud to once again provide financial support for two Mental Health First Aid course to be offered in November! 60 participants will take part in the blended, virtual instruction format that involves 2 hours of home-study coursework and 6 hours with a certified instructor in a Zoom classroom.

Mental Health First Aid is a nationally-offered course that teaches participants how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The course was first created in Australia in 2001 by Betty Kitchener, a nurse specializing in health education, and Anthony Jorm, a mental health literacy professor. The United States is just one of the many countries that have adopted the program. According to MentalHealthFirstAid.org, over 1.6 million people across the United States have been trained in Mental Health First Aid by over 15,000 instructors.

Following the training, participants will receive a certificate from Mental Health First Aid USA acknowledging certification which is valid for 3 years.

Registration is currently closed for the November 2022 MHFA course due to maximum capacity.



SUPPORT THE AAPP FOUNDATION DURING HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZONSMILE

The holidays are almost here, and you're probably already shopping! As you shop the sales on Amazon, consider first going to smile.amazon.com and setting the CPNP Foundation* as your preferred nonprofit. You'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchases to the Foundation. This year alone, AmazonSmile has provided us with **over \$300 in donations!**

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