Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists
Call for Grant Applications to Fund
Merck Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Residency or Fellowship

The Board of Directors of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for two Merck Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy Residencies or Fellowships for the period of **July 2016 through June 2017**. This opportunity is being funded by Merck, Inc.

The intent of this funding is to foster the development of advanced training opportunities for pharmacists committed to the practice area and/or research of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy. Please note that general pharmacy staffing by the resident/fellow is **NOT** permitted.

SIDP will provide funding to support resident/fellow salaries for one year plus fringe benefits and will include $1,500 travel support to attend the annual SIDP meeting (total grant not to exceed $60,000).

SIDP members who have a) received a SIDP Residency Award as either Residency Director in the past, or b) served as preceptor at the same or affiliated institution in the past five years, or c) current members of the SIDP Board of Directors are ineligible for these awards.

Preceptors awarded funding must send a copy of the letter of acceptance from the resident/fellow plus CV and proof of PGY1 residency training or summary of pharmacy practice experiences of the resident/fellow applicant to SIDP Headquarters no later than June 27, 2016 or the award will be rescinded. A midpoint and final report of the resident/fellow’s activities (rotations, presentations, research, and publications) will be also required.

**Completed applications should be electronically submitted as follows:**

Proposals should be converted to a single PDF file adhering to the format described below. The PDF file of the proposal is then submitted via email to Stephanie Bulak (sbulak@eami.com). **Proposals must be submitted no later than 5 PM E.D.T. on April 8, 2016.** Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The Board of Directors will make decisions on the applications no later than May 1, 2016.

For residencies, applicants are encouraged to refer to the ASHP Educational Outcomes, Goals, and Objectives for Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) Pharmacy Residencies in Infectious Diseases. These guidelines were prepared by ASHP in collaboration with ACCP and SIDP and endorsed by the SIDP Board of Directors. SIDP supports the utility of the ASHP Educational Outcomes, Goals, and Objectives for PGY2 Pharmacy Residencies in Infectious Diseases for any residency funded by SIDP.

For Fellowships, applicants are encouraged to refer to the ACCP Guidelines for Research Fellowship Training. Although applicants are not required to have undergone the ACCP Peer Review process, applicants should provide information regarding how the program conforms to the ACCP Guidelines to assist the SIDP Board of Directors with ensuring the quality of the program. SIDP recognizes that a highly individualized experience is the hallmark of an exceptional fellowship program.
Criteria for Award Evaluation

Award Recipient:
1. Is a full member of SIDP at the time of application and not currently serving on the Board of Directors.
2. Has completed advanced training in ID pharmacotherapy (PGY2 residency or fellowship) or has at least 3 years of experience as an active clinical practitioner or researcher in ID pharmacotherapy.
3. Has experience in precepting or directing postgraduate training.

Institution:
1. Is capable of providing a full range of training experiences which may include inpatient care, outpatient care, antimicrobial stewardship, pediatrics, HIV, microbiology laboratory, infection control, and a longitudinal experience. Antimicrobial stewardship need not be the focus of a program, but should be an important element. Fellowships should include a strong and broad training experience that includes an element of clinical practice.
2. Has administrative support of the residency/fellowship training program as indicated in an accompanying letter of support.
3. Has adequate space and resources identified to support resident/fellow training.
4. Has existing infrastructure to support a specialty training program.

Residency/Fellowship Candidate:
1. Possesses a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy.
2. Has completed a PGY1 Residency, is currently in training in a PGY1 residency program that will be completed before the start of this program, or has equivalent pharmacy practice experience.

Residency/Fellowship Program:
Residency - Follows the guidance of the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Programs. Available at: [http://www.ashp.org/menu/Residency/Program-Information](http://www.ashp.org/menu/Residency/Program-Information)


Newer Programs
1. Applications from new and newer programs are encouraged.
2. Additional consideration of the potential for newer programs will be considered in evaluation.

Required Elements for Application
1. A letter of application from individual who will serve as residency/fellowship director.
2. A letter of support from Director of Pharmacy Services at each clinical facility where residency/fellowship training will occur.
3. A letter of support from Department Chair at each College of Pharmacy where residency/fellowship training will occur (if applicable).
4. Letter of support from physician Chief of Infectious Diseases or physician Chief of the ASP who will work with the resident/fellow during the training program.
5. A current curriculum vitae for the program director and for each individual who will serve as a preceptor during the training experience.
6. A description of each practice site and outline of specific patient-care functions and responsibilities of the preceptor for each of these sites. (required for residencies; if applicable for fellowships)
7. A description of how resident/fellow was identified and criteria that were used in residency/fellowship candidate selection process.
8. A list of any previous resident(s)/fellow(s) trained by program director and their current affiliation(s) and a description of previous major projects completed.
9. A proposed annual training schedule for the candidate.
10. A description of process to be used for evaluation of the resident/fellow and examples of any evaluation instruments or forms that will be used.
11. A listing and description of potential research projects the trainee may work on during the program, with attention to the feasibility of the project(s) and clinical/scientific impact.
12. A description of other funding available to the program, beyond this award, to enhance and support the trainee (optional for residency, mandatory for fellowship).