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USP Seeks Applicants for 2012-2013 Fellowship Program

Participation from U.S., International Scientific Community Encouraged

Rockville, Md., March 15, 2012 — Scientists from around the world with an interest in drug and food quality standards are invited to apply for three fellowships available from the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) for the 2012–2013 academic year. Three \$50,000 fellowships will be awarded by USP. Since the fellowship program's inception in 1981, USP has invested nearly \$4 million in over 200 fellowship awards.

USP is a nonprofit scientific organization that seeks to improve the health of people around the world through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines and foods.

The three \$50,000 research fellowship awards will be presented to the students whose proposed research best directly addresses specific USP scientific or research needs. Recipients are eligible to reapply and compete to receive this award for up to three years. USP has identified research priorities in the areas of small molecule drugs, biologics and biotechnology, excipients, dietary supplements and food ingredients, as well as general research topics. Priority will be given to areas of special interest to USP, including such topics as the dissolution of soft-gel dietary supplements, protein content determination in biologic drugs and modernized analytical methods for small molecules, among others.

Applicants are required to have been accepted for full-time study in a Ph.D. or Pharm.D. program, medical school or dental school; accepted to a fellowship program; or awarded a postdoctoral research (non-faculty) appointment. Non-U.S. applicants must have a background in food and drug quality standards and currently be enrolled in an equivalent educational program. Research fellows will be required to meet with USP staff at the USP headquarters in Rockville, Md., at the start of the funding period, and will also be required to deliver a poster presentation at a USP-sponsored meeting or event. International students must possess the appropriate visa required to participate in the research fellows program.

The deadline for submissions is May 25, 2012. More detail about research priorities for USP, as well as the requirements of the program and application process, is available at:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.usp.org/about-usp/careers/student-fellow-programs/usp-2012-2013-fellows-program.}}$

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