Introduction

The VAMC Memphis PGY2 Pharmacy Residency in Internal Medicine is a 12-month training program that aims to train highly motivated and qualified pharmacists to provide exceptional care for adult internal medicine patients. The practice setting is a 250-bed tertiary VA hospital in Memphis, TN. The pharmacy resident will work as an integral member of the healthcare team, along with medical residents and fellows affiliated with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The resident will have the opportunity to develop practice management skills, participate in educational programs, provide formal lectures, and precept pharmacy students. The resident will also participate in projects designed to improve patient care and outcomes. Flexible training schedules allow the resident to pursue areas of personal interest while meeting the educational goals of the program. Appointment is within the Federal government, and residents are therefore subject to all regulations and requirements of the Federal system.

Purpose:

The purpose of the PGY2 Internal Medicine Program is to build upon the resident’s Doctor of Pharmacy education and PGY1 residency training in order to develop proficiency and expertise as a clinical pharmacist specialized in Adult Internal Medicine. The PGY2 Internal Medicine resident will collaborate with healthcare team members to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes. Upon completion of the PGY2 IM Pharmacy Residency, the resident will be prepared to independently practice as a pharmacotherapy specialist for Internal Medicine patients.

Summary:

Type/Duration: Pharmacy Post Graduate Year Two (PGY-2) Residency/12 months
Number of Positions: 1-2
Application Deadline: January 4, 2021
Estimated Stipend: $44,994
Interview Required: Yes (with formal presentation)

General application requirements: U.S. Citizenship, Pharm.D. from ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, participating in or completion of an ASHP-accredited PGY1 residency program or one in the ASHP accreditation process, licensure as a practicing pharmacist

PhORCAS application requirements: Curriculum vitae (CV), college of pharmacy transcripts, letter of intent (limited to 1 page), three letters of recommendation (clinical preferred); submit application at https://portal.phorcas.org; interview with formal presentation required

Fringe Benefits:
Two and one-half weeks paid vacation and sick leave plus federal holidays
Participation in VA Plans/Programs (health, life, etc.)
Three days paid interview leave and paid leave to attend and participate in state and national pharmacy meetings
Program Structure – Rotations and Learning Experiences:

Learning Experiences

- Core rotations:
  - Orientation (if PGY1 not completed at Memphis VAMC)
  - Internal Medicine (6 months)
  - Ambulatory Care (1 month)
  - Critical Care (1 month)
  - Practice Management (1 month)

- Elective rotations:
  - Ambulatory Care
  - Cardiology
  - Critical Care
  - Geriatric Medicine
  - Infectious Disease
  - Internal Medicine/Transitions of Care
  - Mental Health
  - Nephrology
  - Nutrition Support
  - Palliative Care/Pain Management
  - Spinal Cord Injury

- Longitudinal:
  - Research Project
  - Resident presentations (continuing education, physician lectures, research presentation, etc.)
  - Teaching Certificate Program (optional, if not completed PGY1 year)
  - Weekend clinical staffing
  - Chief Resident (on a rotating basis with other residents).

Additional information:
- Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than January 31, 2021
- This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.
- Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment. Residents are required to obtain a pharmacist’s license in any state by July 1st.