

# SCHOLARSHIPS, SPECIAL AWARDS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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## The Dean's List

At the end of each semester, the names of full-time doctor of pharmacy students whose term GPA is 3.5 or higher are placed on the dean's list. These students receive a letter of congratulations and a notation is placed on their permanent records. Students must complete a minimum full-time semester of 12 graded hours to qualify for the dean's list. The credit/no credit option may not be used as part of the 12 hours.

## Degrees With Honors

Students who meet the academic standards prescribed by the faculty will be graduated "with honors." The criteria for Latin honors eligibility is as follows:

### Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Students

#### Honors

##### Summa Cum Laude

- Pharmacy GPA<sup>1</sup> greater than or equal to 3.750.
- No periods of probation.
- No incidents of unprofessional behavior.

No more than 5% of the graduating class will be awarded Summa Cum Laude honors. If more than 5% of the class qualifies under the criteria above, the GPA criteria will be raised and students below the revised GPA will be awarded their degrees with Magna Cum Laude honors.

##### Magna Cum Laude

- Pharmacy GPA<sup>1</sup> greater than or equal to 3.600.
- No periods of probation.
- No incidents of unprofessional behavior.

No more than 5% of the graduating class will be awarded Magna Cum Laude honors. If more than 5% of the class qualifies under the criteria above, the GPA criteria will be raised and students below the revised GPA will be awarded their degrees with Cum Laude honors.

##### Cum Laude

- Pharmacy GPA<sup>1</sup> greater than or equal to 3.500.
- No periods of probation.
- No incidents of unprofessional behavior.

No more than 10% of the graduating class will be awarded Cum Laude honors. If more than 10% of the class qualifies under the criteria above, the GPA criteria will be raised and students below the revised GPA will be awarded their degrees without Latin honors.

<sup>1</sup> GPA for Latin honors is the Doctor of Pharmacy GPA on all courses completed at UMKC through the end of the fall semester of the last year of the program.

## Graduation Awards

At the annual spring pharmacy commencement ceremony, seniors receiving graduation awards are recognized. At that time, recognition is given to graduating students for superior academic achievement, leadership, and service. Selection of the recipients, except where noted otherwise, is made by vote of the pharmacy faculty in conjunction with the scholarship and awards committee.

### Achievers of Excellence Scholarship and Awards Ceremony

Each fall an awards ceremony is held to recognize those students in the School of Pharmacy who receive scholarships or awards from the school, the university or the school's constituent groups. Most of these awards are competitive and are confirmed by the School of Pharmacy scholarship and awards committee.

### Student Leadership Recognition

Annually, student leaders are recognized for their efforts on behalf of the school and the university.

## Doctor of Pharmacy Graduation Awards

### Douglas Adcock Memorial Award

An annual cash award established in memory of Douglas Adcock, a 1977 graduate of the School of Pharmacy, is presented to a student who plans a career in the public health service or who exhibits the ability to overcome adversity with professionalism.

### Pharmacy Alumni Association Award

The Alumni Association of the School of Pharmacy gives an engraved plaque to the graduate who has exhibited outstanding leadership in school affairs. Selection is made by the board of directors of the Pharmacy Alumni Association in conjunction with the scholarship and financial aid committee.

### The American College of Apothecaries Award

The graduating student who intends to practice in an independent community pharmacy after graduation and who has shown outstanding scholastic achievement and participation in school activities receives an engraved silver bowl from the American College of Apothecaries.

### American Pharmacists Association Service Award

A certificate is presented by the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) to the graduating student who has done the most for the student branch of the association. Selection is made by the APhA-ASP Executive Board.

### First DataBank Medical Writing Award

An *Evaluations of Drug Interactions* loose leaf edition is presented to a graduating doctor of pharmacy student who has demonstrated excellence in medical writing.

### Merck Awards

Merck & Company Inc. of Rahway, N.J., presents a Merck Manual and Merck Index to graduating students for noteworthy academic achievement in the area of pharmaceutical chemistry.

### Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

A plaque and a limited edition lithograph to a graduate in the top 20 percent of the class who exhibits exceptional skills in the area of drug information dissemination.

### The Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Award

Recognition is presented to the senior student who has shown an interest in the use of natural medicines. The recipient also must have proven academic and extracurricular activities demonstrating outstanding promise in the assessment, evaluation and delivery of patient care related to the use of natural medicines. The recipient receives a copy of the natural medicines comprehensive database, a subscription to the Natural Medicines Continuing Education series and a certificate.

### Pharmacists Mutual Award

One year of pharmacists liability insurance is presented by the Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Co. of Algona, Iowa, to a graduate, based on academic achievement and professional pharmacy outlook.

### Pharmacy Student Organization Awards

Honors are presented to graduating students based on a combination of scholastic achievement, strength of character, dedication and leadership evidenced during residency in the School of Pharmacy as a member of a university recognized pharmacy student organization. Selection is made by the respective pharmacy student organization officers.

### TEVA Outstanding Student Award

A personalized plaque and cash award are presented by TEVA Pharmaceuticals of Sellersville, Pa., to a graduate. The criteria are scholastic achievement, professional pharmacy outlook and participation in school activities.

### United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award

A framed certificate and book award is presented to a graduate whose public and community service efforts are recognized.

## Fall Scholarships and Awards

A listing of UMKC School of Pharmacy scholarships and awards sponsored through pharmacy donors, alumni and friends of the school and their award descriptions can be found on the School of Pharmacy website under the *Scholarships* section.

## **Other Financial Assistance and Awards**

### **Gracia Bremer Loan Fund**

An endowment through the unitrust of Gracia Bremer and Mercantile Bank was established in 1996 for pharmacy students enrolled in years one through five of the first professional program who need additional financial support while pursuing a pharmacy degree.

### **George H. Hargrave Pharmacy Student Loan Fund**

An endowment through the unitrust of George H. and Edith L. Hargrave was established in 1994 for pharmacy students enrolled in years one through five of the first professional program who need additional financial support while pursuing a pharmacy degree.

### **Pharmacy Dean's Nonresident Award**

The Pharmacy Dean's Nonresident Award provides a substantial reduction in educational fees by lowering the differential between the Missouri resident and nonresident education fees, during fall and spring semesters, by 90%. Eligible students must be newly admitted non-Missouri residents who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents at time of entry. Award is renewable for Pharm.D. students maintaining good academic standing.

### **Pharmacy Dean's Scholar Award**

Eligible first year Pharm.D. students must complete an application. Dean's Scholars receive a stipend first semester. Award renewal for the second semester requires the recipient to maintain a first term Doctor of Pharmacy grade point average of  $\geq 3.6$ .