

# The Rho Chi Society

## Rho Chi, AFPE

### First-Year Graduate Fellowship Guidelines

#### A. Fellowship Award Guidelines

1. It shall be the policy of The Rho Chi Society to award on an annual basis to a qualified applicant, the Rho Chi, AFPE First-Year Graduate Fellowship, a cash award of \$7,500.
2. The award shall be presented to the successful applicant by action of the Rho Chi Graduate Fellowship Committee and the AFPE Board of Grants.
3. The award recipient will be announced at the Annual Convention of The Rho Chi Society. The award stipend will be paid in two payments on September 1 and February 1 of the year of the award after it has been determined that the applicant has enrolled in the graduate program specified in the application.
4. The award is not renewable.
5. Exceptions to this policy shall be made only by the Executive Council of the Society.

#### B. Eligible Applicants

1. Applicants **must be a member** of the Rho Chi Honor Society.
2. Applicants must be a pharmacy student in the final year of professional studies or a professional pharmacy degree program graduate entering a pharmaceutical sciences (including social/administrative sciences) Ph.D. program in an accredited U.S. school or college of pharmacy as a full-time student. Pharmacy students who have initiated graduate work through a dual Pharm.D./Ph.D. degree pathway are eligible if they have completed their professional degree and will be pursuing full-time graduate study in the year the award is made.\*
3. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

#### C. Qualifications of Applicants

1. The applicant shall have demonstrated high potential for success in a graduate program on the strength of:
  - (i) **Academic achievement** (transcripts, GRE scores if required by your program, academic awards and honors); **Research achievement** (previous research experience, presentations, abstract, publications); **Personal achievement** (challenges overcome, clarity of motivation, personal and career goals).
  - (ii) Certification through a minimum of at least three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals directly familiar with the applicant's academic achievements and capacity for success in graduate programs.

\*Students who will not have completed their professional degree at the time of the award may be considered in specific and compelling situations. To be considered, a separate letter from the student's graduate mentor/major advisor must be included and must:

- 1) Provide assurance that the student is committed to continuing graduate studies following receipt of the professional degree.
- 2) Indicate that at least 75% of the student's effort will be dedicated to graduate studies during the year that the award is made.
3. Confirm that, at the time of the award, at least two years of study or research remain to be completed in the student's Ph.D. program.

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### First-Year Graduate Fellowship Application

**Note:** The original and three (3) copies of the completed application, supporting documents, and letters of recommendation must be received in the Society's National Office no later than February 1. Application materials received after February 1 will not be considered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (work) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Rho Chi Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where you may be reached during the summer months (if different from above).

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

University to be attended for graduate study: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded the Rho Chi – AFPE First Year Graduate Fellowship, will you be engaged in full-time graduate study in the year the award is made?  Yes  No

If "No," please submit a separate letter from your graduate mentor/major advisor that:

- 1) Provides assurance that you are committed to continuing graduate studies following receipt of the professional degree.
- 2) Indicates that at least 75% of your effort will be dedicated to graduate studies during the year that the award is made.
- 3) Confirms that, at the time of the award, at least two years of study or research remain to be completed in your Ph.D. program.

On separate sheets:

1. Provide a detailed resume (not to exceed 3 pages) that includes:
  - Current academic status and anticipated year of graduation
  - Memberships in professional, scientific, scholastic, or honor societies (include year of Rho Chi initiation)
  - Previous scholarships or fellowships held stating places, period of tenure and studies pursued
  - Other academic awards and honors
  - Previous research experience
2. Provide a brief narrative that describes your path to graduate studies. Include any specific challenges that you have overcome, specific motivation or inspiration or inspiration for graduate study, research or professional activities that have helped to prepare you for graduate study, and what professional and career goals you hope to achieve upon completion of your Ph.D. program. (Please limit to 2 pages.)

Supporting Documents:

1. Submit official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
2. Submit an official record or photocopy of GRE scores (if required by your program).
3. Provide names of three individuals who will provide letters of reference:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of reference or recommendation should be from individuals directly familiar with you and should speak specifically to your educational achievements and your capacity for graduate study. All letters should be mailed directly to the Chair of the Fellowship Committee whose address is below.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted

Mail this application and three (3) copies of the completed application, supporting documents, and letters of recommendation to arrive no later than February 1 to:

The Rho Chi Society  
National Office  
Attn: Fellowship Committee  
UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy  
3210 Kerr Hall, CB#7569  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7569  
Email: RhoChi@unc.edu

You will be notified by email (if provided on page 1) when the completed application has been received.