



## **Fred and Dee Lyons Leadership Scholarship (P4) 2016 – 2017**

### **Overview**

At the College of Pharmacy, we create tomorrow's leaders, not just by teaching the latest scientific facts, but also by promoting independent, analytical thinking inside and outside the classroom. Important elements of this process are leadership-building opportunities in both in the curriculum as well as through extracurricular pharmacy professional organizations and other avenues that promote personal and professional growth. The Lyons Scholarship celebrates those whose actions, attitudes, and accomplishments demonstrate leadership in the service of the profession, the College, fellow students, and the community at large and helps foster additional growth.

### **Description of Program**

The **Fred and Dee Lyons Leadership Scholarship (\$10,000)** is considered the highest leadership honor at the College of Pharmacy and is awarded to only one P4 student. This student works closely with College of Pharmacy administrators and other leaders to build leadership skills and establish a mentoring network.

Because there is an insatiable demand for outstanding leadership in the various fields that comprise the healthcare network, Fred and Dee Lyons established this scholarship to recognize students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and to develop those skills for the benefit of the patient communities they may serve.

The Lyons Scholar is chosen based on student leadership activities, academic record, and a rigorous selection process.

The goal of the Lyon's Scholarship program is to prepare pharmacy students for leadership roles by:

1. Providing a developmental venue for personal values and strengths assessment to expand their leadership skills and self-confidence.
2. Providing tools for students to express and apply skills through actions and words while reducing distractions to effective leadership.
3. Fostering participants' ability to affect change while striving for excellence.
4. Recognizing student achievement (monetary scholarships provided by alumni donors).

Core values identified by students in the program include challenge, personal growth, creativity/innovation, respect/diversity and leadership.

### **Student Responsibilities**

The student chosen to receive the Lyons Scholarship will:

- Attend a leadership development conference or seminar (to be identified).
- Meet with College of Pharmacy administrators and leaders and selected mentors
- Accept special projects and challenges designed that contribute value to the College of Pharmacy programs and services.

- Represent College of Pharmacy students at special meetings and networking events with administrators, alumni and others as they arise.
- Prepare and deliver a verbal or poster presentation regarding the Lyon's Scholar program.
- Maintain good standing in both academic performance and professional conduct.

None of these added responsibilities usurps a student's academic responsibilities and each is designed to contribute to the student's overall educational experience.

**Eligibility criteria:**

- Current P3 students may apply for the program.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing and must have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement with a minimum of 3.5 grade point average.
- Applicants must demonstrate a dedication to and understanding of the profession of pharmacy.
- Applicants must be active as leaders in a college or national professional pharmacy organization or other community or University service organization.

**Application includes:**

- Cover letter (maximum 1 page, single spaced letter style) highlighting the applicant's strengths and an explanation of why he/she should be chosen for this scholarship. **Address this letter to the Dean of the College of Pharmacy.**
- Written statement (maximum 1 page, single spaced) describing: 1) the most valuable part of your PharmD education and the reason(s) why; and 2) the component of the PharmD program in most need of improvement and what you propose as a solution(s).
- Curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a faculty member.  
Note: neither Associate Deans nor the Director of Advancement may write recommendation letters because they are involved in the selection process.

**Submit all materials electronically to:  
Office of Student Affairs  
Holly Jablonski (hjablon), Assistant to Associate Deans Mason and Mueller  
College of Pharmacy  
Application Deadline: Friday, Feb. 19 at 12noon**

**Selection process:**

- Step 1: Application materials will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, which is comprised of faculty, staff, alumni or others chosen by the Dean.
- Step 2: Selected candidates will be chosen for a limited number of interview slots.
- The Dean, under advisement of the Selection Committee, will make the final selection.

**Timeline:**

- Interviews for selected candidates – early-mid March
- Announcement of recipient – late March – early April