

Joint media release

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Huge week for pharmacy students with back-to-back Symposium and Journal launch in July

Over three days this winter the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) and the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) will again deliver the [SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium 2021](#) while partnering in support of the new [Australian Pharmacy Students Journal](#).

Now in its fourth year, the Student Symposium gives an edge to proactive students who are considering a career in Australia's fastest-growing pharmacy sector, while SHPA is the proud strategic partner of NAPSA's [Australian Pharmacy Students Journal](#), which [opened applications for student reviewers](#) this week.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says the Student Symposium continues to provide a unique annual platform to showcase the fundamentals of hospital pharmacy and impart invaluable early career advice.

Following last year's successful move to an all-virtual delivery which saw a record number of delegates, this year's Student Symposium will again be delivered virtually in two parts: an online resource package released on Friday 25 June, followed by a live virtual session on Friday 2 July 2021.

The Symposium will be followed by the annual NAPSA AGM, to be held virtually on Saturday 3 July, before a comprehensive Reviewer Education Session for aspiring student researchers on Sunday 4 July 2021.

NAPSA Executive Director Juliet Contreras says the *Australian Pharmacy Students Journal* fills a key gap in research skills development and publishing experience, with applications for volunteer reviewer positions now open.

'Evidence-based practice and research is vital to the ongoing development and strengthening of the pharmacy profession, however many pharmacy students graduate without having gained skills and experience in academic publishing.

'Filling that gap for students, with SHPA's strategic support, NAPSA is establishing a new bi-annual journal – run by students, for students – which aims to facilitate a research culture at a student level by providing the opportunity for students and very early career pharmacists to have their work published in an academic peer-reviewed research journal.'

The APSJ Reviewer Education Session will feature sessions on different study designs, navigating review platforms, review case studies and a deep dive into key editorial guidelines.

- [Register to attend the SHPA-NAPSA Student Symposium 2021](#) →

For SHPA student and intern members only, registration is free.

Join SHPA with [free student membership](#).

- [Register to become an APSJ Peer Reviewer](#) →

One-year term, voluntary APSJ Peer Reviewer positions are now open to students currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours and/or Masters of Pharmacy, or a current Pharmacy Intern with previous research experience.

*Reviewers must attend a the APSJ Reviewer Education Session (online or in-person) – to be held on **Sunday 4 July** – before they can commence in the role.*

- **APSJ article submission to open in July!**

From July, APSJ will invite submissions from current Pharmacy students (including interns) in the form of original research articles, academic review articles, and case reports. Research in which an academic has supported a student will be accepted, however a student must have led the research and must be the main author.

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About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional, for-purpose organisation for more than 5,000 leading pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacists-in-training working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.

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About NAPSA

The National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) represents the interests of approximately 3500 members whom are undergraduate and postgraduate students studying at seventeen universities across Australia. NAPSA is run by students for students, and strives to provide many opportunities for its members, like networking and social events. NAPSA also strives to be the voice of the pharmacy students of Australia in the pharmaceutical industry.

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