

# Joint media release

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## First issue released of world-first pharmacy student journal

Pharmacy student publishing has taken off in Australia, with the [launch of the first issue](#) of the [Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal](#) this week.

An initiative of the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA), and proudly supported by the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) as strategic partner, the [Australian Pharmacy Students' Journal](#) provides Australian pharmacy students with an early opportunity to develop research skills and gain crucial publishing experience, and is believed to be the world's first peer-reviewed pharmacy student journal.

NAPSA President and former Research Chair Verity Boustead says the launch was a highlight of this week's virtual 2022 NAPSA Congress.

'After opening submissions six months ago we're thrilled to present our [first issue](#), and we're confident APSJ will fill a key gap in skills development for the next generation of Australia's leading pharmacists.

'Alongside SHPA, NAPSA is committed to fostering a research culture at a student level, and I acknowledge the hard work of current and past members of the NAPSA Executive – Vasilios Sotiropoulos (2019), Juliet Contreras (2019-21), Forrest Tang and Joanne Wickens (2021-22) – for their hard work toward the launch of our new academic peer-reviewed research journal.'

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says evidence-based practice and research is vital to the development and strengthening of the pharmacy profession.

'We're proud to support more pharmacy students to graduate having gained skills and experience in academic publishing.

'As strategic partner of the APSJ we look forward to supporting and sharing research, review and feature articles, case reports and opinion pieces with the broader profession.

'APSJ now sits alongside leading SHPA journals, our annual Student Symposium, Provisional Membership, internship support and nation-leading Foundation Residencies and Advanced Training Residencies, in providing a path into the challenging and rewarding world of specialised pharmacy practice.'

*Voluntary [APSJ Peer Reviewer positions remain open](#) to students currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours and/or Masters of Pharmacy, or current Pharmacy Interns with prior research experience.*

*[APSJ article submissions are open](#) to current Pharmacy Students and 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 the 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 who are undergraduate and postgraduate students studying at 17 universities across Australia. NAPSA is run by students for students, and strives to provide many opportunities for its members, including networking and social events. NAPSA strives to be the voice of the pharmacy students of Australia in the pharmaceutical industry.

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