

# Media release

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## Call for Foundation Residents to show their GRIT

A new opportunity for early career pharmacists to have their voices heard is coming this winter, through a publication supplement dedicated to showcasing the research and views of participants in the Australia-first SHPA Residency Program.

A special focus on Foundation Residents' perspectives will feature in the Winter 2019 edition of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA)'s member magazine *Pharmacy Growth, Research Innovation and Training* (Pharmacy GRIT), with Expressions of Interest now open via [GRIT@shpa.org.au](mailto:GRIT@shpa.org.au), closing **Friday 17 May**.

Dr Jacinta Johnson, Vice President of SHPA and Chair, SHPA Residency Advisory Group says the focus on the next generation of leading hospital pharmacists will generate a diverse spread of ideas.

'Our Foundation Residents are buzzing with innovation and keen to make an impact, and two years of experiential, hands-on learning – while embedded in multidisciplinary hospital teams – provides fertile ground.

'The inaugural Residency Supplement in Pharmacy GRIT is a unique opportunity for early career pharmacists to make their mark on the profession, whether through short research studies or opinion pieces.

'With almost 200 Foundation Residents either enrolled or recently completed at 37 sites across the country, we look forward to seeing what is contributed from this dynamic and growing pool.'

Dr Johnson says early publishing can help drive developing pharmacy careers.

'The SHPA Residency Program as an integral career development stage for hospital pharmacists across the country and the Residency Supplement is part of SHPA's broader commitment to supporting opportunities for early career pharmacists.

'Producing professionally citable research is a wonderful way for Foundation Residents to illustrate their impact and summarise all they have learned to date and provides the perfect precursor to the SHPA Residency Symposium in August.'

SHPA residents are invited to submit their articles to [GRIT@shpa.org.au](mailto:GRIT@shpa.org.au) by **COB Friday 17 May**.

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### About SHPA

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional, for-purpose organisation for leading pharmacists and pharmacy technicians 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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