

# Media release

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## Foundation Residents to show their GRIT as program satisfaction soars

A national platform for the research, review and case reports of Australia's leading early career pharmacists is returning in 2020, with the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) opening submissions for the second Residency Supplement to participants of Australia's first pharmacy residency program.

The special focus on SHPA Foundation Residents' perspectives will feature in the Spring 2020 issue of *Pharmacy Growth, Research Innovation and Training (Pharmacy GRIT)*, now [open for submissions](#), closing **Friday 14 August 2020**, six months after research showed sky-high satisfaction from both Residents and program staff.

Dr Jacinta Johnson, Vice President of SHPA and Chair, SHPA Residency Advisory Group says demand to highlight the achievement and focus of the next generation of leading hospital pharmacists has grown since the inaugural supplement last year.

'The [Pharmacy GRIT Residency Supplement](#) is a unique opportunity for early career pharmacists to make their mark on the profession, and a fantastic entry point into the important world of academic publication.

'We were overwhelmed with enquiries in 2019 and again look forward to contributions from our pool of more than 200 Foundation Residents at 37 programs across the country.'

Dr Johnson says Foundation Residencies are a powerful driver for early career hospital pharmacy success and satisfaction.

'Earlier this year, SHPA published findings that showed 84% of Foundation Residents agreed or strongly agreed that the residency was worthwhile for them and 100% of program staff agreed, or strongly agreed that the program has been worthwhile for their department.

'The report showed the value of this future-facing initiative, with more than three-quarters of program staff agreeing they wished there had been a foundation residency available in their junior years, and 86% stating they would recommend the Foundation Residency to peers at other pharmacy departments.

'With 2020 Resident of the Year heats also scheduled for Spring, the *Pharmacy GRIT* supplement rounds out the fantastic opportunity for intense growth and professional recognition SHPA is proud to offer early career pharmacists through the Australian-first program.'

SHPA Foundation Residents are invited to submit their articles (word limit: 1,500 words) following the [submission guidelines](#) to [GRIT@shpa.org.au](mailto:GRIT@shpa.org.au) by **COB Friday 14 August**.

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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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