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The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists
Research and Education Foundation

The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists Research and Education (NYSCHP-REF) Innovations in Pharmacy Practice Research Grant Program 2025 Request for Proposals

The Research and Education Foundation (REF) of the New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists (NYSCHP) is accepting proposals to provide funding for pharmacist lead research evaluating novel approaches to optimizing medication management. **The goal of the program is to support and advance prospective research** that evaluates innovative pharmacy practice models, with the aim of expanding the role of the pharmacy workforce in direct patient care and contributing to the broader **body of knowledge in Pharmacy Practice**.

NYSCHP established the REF to achieve the following specific aims:

- To promote public welfare through the development of quality pharmaceutical services in integrated delivery networks and other organized healthcare settings.
- To encourage, provide for and engage in scientific research, professional study, and advancement of science within the scope of health-systems pharmacy practice.
- To improve the quality and increase the availability of health-systems pharmaceutical services to the public.

The REF is funding specific research project(s) directed at model demonstration projects, systems change/implementation projects, special studies, or evaluations that seek to find novel ways to improve pharmaceutical care for all patients, while highlighting the role the pharmacy workforce can play in such solutions.

This request is soliciting research proposals that evaluate pharmacist directed programs in any pharmacy practice setting.

NYSCHP-REF funds domestic section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations (a non-profit corporation formed to carry out a charitable, religious, literary, educational or scientific purpose that is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt) in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service.

Applicant Eligibility

1. Active licensed pharmacist
2. Active member of NYSCHP will be given preference.
 - a. REF Grant Selection Committee members are not eligible for funding.
3. New researchers are encouraged
4. Access to patients and resources required to conduct successful research with appropriate research conduct and management.

Complete applications must be submitted no later than **October 31, 2025 11:59pm EST**

Email to: office@nyschp.org

Subject Line: Innovations in Pharmacy Practice Grant Call for Proposals

Timeline for Applications:

Proposal Submission Deadline:	October 31, 2025
Notification to Applicants:	November 15, 2025
Research Project Grant Period:	December 1, 2025 through July 1, 2026
Final Report Deadline for Grantees:	August 1, 2026
Project Presentation @ NYSCHP Annual Assembly	April 2026

- Additional funding will be provided by the REF for the principal investigator to attend conference. Funds will cover: 1 night hotel stay and meeting registration.

It is expected that project(s) will be prepared and submitted for publication.

Budget: Grant requests up to \$20000 will be considered. The REF Grant Committee review will determine project(s) to fund, the amount to be provided and the disbursement schedule. Funding will be disbursed directly to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations when required documentation is submitted for such. Requests for funds should be sent to the NYSCHP council office at office@nyschp.org. ***Grantees must maintain documentation of spending and report on how funds were used at the end of the grant period as a component of grant reporting.***

Funding must be directed toward project activities and may be allocated to support:

- Supplies and materials associated with the project to be spent during grant period (example: CGM devices, BP cuffs, scales, laboratory reagent, etc.)
- Participant incentives which may include local travel expenses
- Medications or co-pays may be a covered expense; however post project plans to support patients' ongoing medication access must be included
- Cost of prepacking pills that support the primary outcome of the study
- Patient and provider education costs
- Technology costs may be considered but should not present the majority of the budget
- Local travel expenses for investigator(s), for travel to and from study sites or locations
- Consultants (example: programmer for tool development, statistical analysis)
- Funding to offset costs for community partners where study activities occur (example: stipend for a local barbershop, where the study will target clients)
- Funding for research support utilizing colleague pharmacists, students, fellows, residents and other learners but should not be a significant part of the budget. Specifics must be outlined in the budget.
- Elements of the study must include:
 - Contribution to clinical practice
 - Addresses/challenges current clinical practices or barriers to progress in the field

Funding cannot be used to support the following:

- General operating funds
- Indirect costs (These are the costs of doing business that are not readily identified with a particular grant, contract, project function, or activities but are necessary for the general operation of the organization.)

- Projects focused primarily on advertising
- Conferences or events
- Subgranting
- Expenses for manuscript publication

Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Cover letter including study summary and timeframe for completion
2. Study protocol : The protocol must include the following elements:
3. IRB approval documentation
4. Budget worksheet
5. Proof of nonprofit status
6. Organization W-9
7. CV's of Primary investigator and research team
8. A letter of support from Director of Pharmacy Services or Chair of Department, as appropriate
9. A blinded and unblinded proposal (blinded proposal must not include Facility name or Location)