

PLEASE NOTE: ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE
GENERAL INFORMATION AND AWARDS OVERVIEW

The drug overdose epidemic in the United States has been of growing concern for several years. The United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency in 2017 and released strategy recommendations to combat the health emergency. The problem has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that over 100,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States from April 2020 to April 2021, an increase of about 28 percent during the same period the year before. From April 2020 to April 2021, the number of overdose deaths due to opioids increased from 56,000 to 75,000.¹ The CDC estimates that prescription opioids were involved in nearly 18 percent of all opioid overdose deaths in 2020.² Pharmacists are the most accessible healthcare professionals and can make a difference at the forefront of this crisis.

The APhA New Practitioner Community strives to provide opportunities for new practitioners to develop and empower themselves to utilize the knowledge and skills necessary to define the future of their profession. Many new practitioners are highly engaged in substance use disorder initiatives throughout their education and training and carry this interest into their career.

To support the passion of new practitioners and further the prevention of substance use disorders, the APhA New Practitioner Community has developed a research awards program for new practitioners including residents and postgraduates who conduct research in substance use disorders. Awardees will receive funding to support their research and to showcase their work during a presentation at the 2026 APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders.

The APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders is an educational and inspirational experience. The meeting provides attendees with programming and experiences related to alcoholism and substance use disorders including descriptions of 12-step programming, pharmacology of addiction, strategies to overcome denial of addiction, family dynamics, and much more.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2022. Drug Overdose Deaths in the U.S. Top 100,000 Annually For Immediate Release: November 17, 2021. [online] Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs_press_releases/2021/20211117.htm>

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2020. Drug Overdose. [online] Available at: <<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/deaths/prescription/maps.html>>

Use of Award Funds:

Full payments will be made upon receipt of the completed Grant Acceptance. Grant funds may be used only for direct costs associated with the development and implementation of the project described in the application. Expenditures for indirect costs (overhead) will not be funded. Salaries for recipients will not be allowed; however, consultant fees, fees for research/technician services and expenses for administrative services may be allowed if submitted in the proposed budget within the application.

Applicants must be new practitioner members of APhA. To be defined as a new practitioner, applicants must have a graduation date of May 2019 or later.

Award(s) Overview:

The APhA New Practitioner Community Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Award(s) includes:

- Up to 5 new practitioner award recipients will receive a \$1,000 research award to develop and implement a research project within the field of substance use disorders.
 - Award recipients plus 1 mentor/co-investigator of the award recipients' choosing will be provided a complimentary registration to attend the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders.
 - Award recipients plus 1 mentor/co-investigator will be provided apartment/residence hall housing support (\$250 maximum) and up to a \$200 stipend at the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders.

Award recipients will be required to present a poster on their research at the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders and write an article in *Transitions* about their research.

PROGRAM SUPPORTER

Operation Substance Use Disorder and its related programs are supported by Walmart.



AWARD(S) TIMELINE

An estimated timeline of due dates for the APhA Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards are highlighted below.

Date	Event
October 1, 2025	Application Opens
December 1, 2025	Application Closes
December 2, 2025	Review of Applications Begins
December 15, 2025	Award Recipient Notification
March 31, 2026	Interim Report Due
Late May/Early June (exact date TBD)	APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders Conference and Presentation and <i>Transitions</i> article submission
June 15, 2026	Final Budget Report Due

*Timelines are subject to change



DEADLINE AND AWARDS REQUIRMENTS

Please read through the APhA Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards general information and awards overview prior to completing the application. Complete the online application and use only the allotted page count. All sections of the application need to be submitted to APhA Headquarters via email to sohclarke@aphanet.org no later than 11:59pm (PST) on December 1, 2025. These sections include (please initial):

- _____ APhA Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards Completed Application
- _____ Digital headshot photo suitable for publication (1MB or larger in size required)
- _____ Biosketch (Maximum 200 words) on Primary Investigator's Qualifications and Project
- _____ Research Proposal
- _____ Statement of Support Signed from Manager, Mentor or Department Chair

Make a copy of the entire application for your records. Please note that the APhA New Practitioner Community and APhA staff may contact applicants for questions or clarifications on their application.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application for the APhA New Practitioner Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards, please contact:

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APhA Senior Director, Member Engagement & Technician Experience

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Email: sohclarke@aphanet.org

SECTION I: CONTACT INFORMATION

A. Name:

(Last) (First) (Middle or Middle Initial)

B. APhA Member Number:

C. Professional Designation(s):

D. Email Address:

E. Preferred Telephone Number:

F. Home Address:

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

SECTION II: PRACTICE PROFILE

A. Current Position and Site:

B. Years in Position:

C. Years at Current Site:

D. Current State(s) of Licensure (if applicable):

E. License Number(s) (if applicable):

F. Name of Attended School/College of Pharmacy:

G. Graduation Year:

H. Biosketch (150 words max)

Applicant's Name: _____

SECTION III: PRACTICE PROFILE

A. Name of Site:

B. Site Address:

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

C. Site Numbers:

(Telephone)

(Fax)

D. Type of workSetting: Select all that apply

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| ☐ | Ambulatory Care |
| ☐ | Clinical Administration |
| ☐ | Community Practice |
| ☐ | Drug Information |
| ☐ | Hospital/Academic Medical Center |
| ☐ | Hospital/Rural Healthcare |
| ☐ | Long-term Care |
| ☐ | Managed Care |
| ☐ | Nuclear Pharmacy |
| ☐ | Pharmaceutical Industry |
| ☐ | Pharmacokinetics |
| ☐ | Specialty |
| ☐ | Other: |
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E. Describe the population your practice or research serves (250 words max):

Applicant's Name: _____

SECTION IV: PROJECT PROFILE

A. Project Title:

B. Co-Investigator(s):

C. Residency Preceptor (if applicable):

D. Anticipated stage of project at 2026 APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders: Select one

_____ Project in progress

_____ Completed project

Applicant's Name: _____

SECTION V: PROJECT PROPOSAL

Create a project proposal about your innovative substance use disorders project. Limit proposal to 6 pages in length. Please title the document in the following format: "Primary Investigator's Last Name and First Initial_Substance Use Disorders Proposal" (Ex: SmithJ_Substance Use Disorders Proposal)

The following information must be included in the proposal:

- Title
- Background Information and Purpose
- Project Objectives and Potential Outcomes
- Methods
 - Include: research hypothesis, inclusion and exclusion criteria, data collection process, what data will be collected, and any other additional details seen fit
- Evaluation strategy
 - Include: statistical analyses used for the project, criteria for determining statistical significance, power calculations if applicable, and any other additional details seen fit
 - Include: information about clinical significance of the data and its utility in mitigating substance use disorder
- Project implementation, data collection, and evaluation timeline
- Budget (Reference "Use of Grant Funds" portion of application)

Submit the project proposal in .pdf, .dox, or .doc format only.

Applicant's Name: _____

SECTION VI: STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I have read, understand, and will comply with the APhA New Practitioner Community Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards description.

I am currently in good standing with my employer. My employer is aware of the award(s) I am seeking.

I understand that my picture, email address, and qualifications may be posted on the APhA website or used in APhA publications and will be utilized during the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders.

I understand that APhA reserves the right, upon its discretion, to revoke any award(s) if funds are not used properly to support substance use disorders research.

I understand that APhA requires a completed project be presented at the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders and that projects in progress will only be accepted during the APhA New Practitioner Community Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards inaugural year and must be completed within 1 year of receiving the APhA New Practitioner Community Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards.

I understand if I am an award recipient that APhA New Practitioner Community will require an interim report and final budgetary report after this application is completed as noted in Section VII and Section IX.

I agree that all statements on this application are true. I understand that any false statements or the failure to complete this application accurately may result in my disqualification as a recipient for an APhA New Practitioner Community Operation Substance Use Disorders Research Awards.

By signing this, I attest to the validity of the above statements.

Signature of applicant:

Please print name here:

Date signed:

SECTION VII: STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I _____ support the research proposal submitted by

Mentor or Department Chair Name

_____ for the APhA New Practitioner Community Operation Substance Use

Name of primary researcher

Disorders Research Award. I attest the project proposal is accurate and able to be accomplished

in a timely manner with the project being completed or nearly completed by the 2025 APhA

Institute on Substance Use Disorders which is scheduled for late May/early June 2026. I attest the

award funds for this project will be used appropriately for direct completion of this project. If the

project is not completed by 2026 APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders, I attest the project

will be completed within a year of receiving the APhA New Practitioner Community Operation

Substance Use Disorders Research Award.

Signature of manager, mentor or department chair:

Please print name here:

Date signed:

This section of the application is for award recipient(s) ONLY

SECTION VIII: INTERIM REPORT REQUIREMENT

Draft an interim report about your innovative substance use disorders project. Limit your report to 3 pages in length. Please title the document in the following format: "Primary Investigator's Last Name and First Initial_Substance Use Disorders Interim" (Ex: SmithJ_Substance Use Disorders Interim)

The following information must be included in the proposal:

- Current progress on project referencing initial timeline submitted
- Current use of award funds
- Any changes in project from initial proposal

Submit the interim report in .pdf, .docx, or .doc format only.

Type the report and use only the allotted page count. All sections of the application need to be submitted to APhA Headquarters via email to sohclarkel@APhAnet.org by no later than 11:59pm (PST) on March 31, 2026.

SECTION IX: FINAL BUDGETARY REQUIREMENT

Draft a final budgetary report about your innovative substance use disorders project. Limit your report to 2 pages in length. Please title the document in the following format: "Primary Investigator's Last Name and First Initial_Substance Use Disorders Budget" (Ex: SmithJ_Substance Use Disorders Budget)

The following information must be included in the proposal:

- Table displaying the use of all award funds for the project
- Describe what went well with the project
- Describe what you will improve upon with further projects

Submit the budgetary report in .pdf, .docx, or .doc format only.

Type the report and use only the allotted page count. All sections of the application need to be submitted to APhA Headquarters via email to sohclarke@APhAnet.org by no later than 11:59pm (PST) on June 15, 2026.