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Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada and Canada Health Infoway Recognize Student Leadership in Pharmacy Informatics

***Pharmacy Student Award recipients to help shape informatics education for the next generation
of pharmacists***

March 11, 2013 (Toronto, ON) – The Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) and Canada Health Infoway (*Infoway*) have announced the recipients of six awards aimed at strengthening learning on the effective use of information and communications technologies among pharmacy students. As a component of the AFPC/*Infoway* Pharmacists in Training initiative, the recipients of the 2012 Pharmacy Student Awards will contribute to the development of a national online educational program for pharmacy students.¹

“Learning about best practices for the use of information and technology will position our next generation of pharmacists to reach for the national vision for pharmacy in Canada – to provide optimal drug therapy outcomes for Canadians through patient centered care. We are extremely pleased that this group of students will be assisting AFPC to develop a national online education program for use by Canadian pharmacy faculties,” noted Harold Lopatka, AFPC’s Executive Director.

The Pharmacy Student Awards were created to engage students in the AFPC-*Infoway* Pharmacists in Training initiative and to provide learning opportunities in the area of pharmacy informatics. Recipients were selected based on their leadership in the area of pharmacy informatics and their ability to contribute to the development of the online educational program.

Neil de Haan of the BC Cancer Agency is the inaugural recipient of the AFPC-*Infoway* Pharmacy Student Post-graduate Award of \$5,000.

The recipients for the five undergraduate awards of \$2,000 each are:

Chelsea Barr	- University of Waterloo
Phillip Curran	- University of Saskatchewan
Patrick Monaghan	- Dalhousie University
Jereme Parenteau	- University of Alberta
Danny Wong	- University of British Columbia

“Ensuring the next generation of pharmacists enters the workforce prepared to practice in technology-enabled environments is what the Pharmacists in Training initiative is all about,” said Richard Alvarez, President and CEO of *Infoway*. “These students have already shown an interest in pharmacy informatics, and we look forward to their contributions as they help to shape the integration of the effective use of technology in pharmacy practice into the curriculum.”

The award recipients were announced at the 2013 Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns’ (CAPSI) Professional Development Week.

About The Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC)

AFPC represents the national interests of the 10 Canadian faculties of pharmacy. Undergraduate student enrollment is approximately 5,000 students and there are approximately 600 faculty and support staff in the 10 faculties. The organizational mission is as follows: AFPC is an association of faculties of pharmacy whose members are committed to the promotion and recognition of excellence in pharmacy education and scholarly activities.

About Canada Health Infoway

Canada Health Infoway is an independent, not-for-profit organization funded by the federal government. *Infoway* jointly invests with every province and territory to accelerate the development and adoption of information and communications technology projects in Canada. Fully respecting patient confidentiality, these secure systems will provide clinicians and patients with the information they need to better support safe care decisions and manage their own health. Accessing this vital information quickly will help foster a more modern and sustainable health care system for all Canadians.

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ⁱ For more information about this initiative, see:

<https://www.infoway-inforoute.ca/index.php/progress-in-canada/next-generation-clinicians-in-training>

<http://www.afpc.info/content.php?SectionID=4&ContentID=165&Language=en>

<http://www.capsi.ca/capsil> (Spring 2012 edition, page 12 - 13)