

2026 BPS/FIP Foundation Research Grant Application

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) and [the International Pharmaceutical Federation Foundation for Education and Research](#) (FIP Foundation) announce a collaborative research grant opportunity. BPS will sponsor one research grant of up to 5000 Euro through the FIP Foundation allowing non-US based investigators and pharmacists to seek financial support for research projects focused on the impact of pharmacist board certification on specialization and advanced practice through the following research areas:

1. The impact of pharmacist board certification on Patients and/or outcomes (e.g., adherence, quality of life, patient satisfaction, health literacy);
2. The impact of pharmacist board certification on Healthcare systems (e.g., medication safety, cost avoidance, drug-related problems, admissions/readmissions, emergency department visits, institutional credentialing and privileging);
3. The impact of pharmacist board certification on Interprofessional collaboration (e.g., recognition, perception, increased efficiency in providing care); and/or,
4. The impact of pharmacist board certification on Pharmacist employment, professional development, and/or wellbeing (e.g., job satisfaction, retention, career advancement).¹

Research proposals outside of these areas will not be considered.

Eligibility

Any **non-US based** pharmacist or investigator is eligible to submit an application. USA citizens resident outside of the USA are eligible to apply.

2026 Timeline

Application opens	March 1, 2026
Application deadline	May 1, 2026
Applicants will be notified of the grant status	August 1, 2026
Formal award announcement	September 1-4, 2026 at the FIP World Congress
<i>For selected awardees:</i>	
Return signed research agreement	September 2026
Fund distribution	September 2026
One-year progress report	No later than August 2027
Final report	No later than August 2028

The total available funding is 5,000 Euros per grant award to be used over 24 months (November 2026–November 2028). Award funds may be used for salary support of technical or support personnel but cannot be used for salary support for the investigators or indirect (i.e. facilities and administrative) costs. Up to 1500 Euros of the total grant may be used for meeting registration and travel to present the funded research. Computers and equipment are generally not covered.

¹ Zarowitz, B.J. and Haas, C.E. (2023), E“VALU”ating board certification in pharmacy. J Am Coll Clin Pharm, 6: 322-326. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jac5.1736>

The FIP Foundation will recognize awardees on the Foundation website and in the Foundation newsletter. The Foundation will recognize the awardees and the contribution of BPS during the Opening Ceremony at the FIP World Congress.

Project Application Packet

Please carefully read the instructions before submitting the application. The application must contain the following sections in PDF format. Please title the PDF "LastName_App.pdf"

1. *Cover sheet*

The principal investigator and all co-investigators must sign a cover sheet to indicate their approval and agreement to participate in the project. If institutional review board (IRB) submission or review is required, evidence of IRB approval or exemption must be provided before funding can be disbursed.

2. *Research area*

Indicate which of the following research aims relating to pharmacist board certification are addressed by the research.

- The impact of pharmacist board certification on Patients and/or outcomes (e.g., adherence, quality of life, patient satisfaction, health literacy);
- The impact of pharmacist board certification on Healthcare systems (e.g., medication safety, cost avoidance, drug-related problems, admissions/readmissions, emergency department visits, institutional credentialing and privileging);
- The impact of pharmacist board certification on Interprofessional collaboration (e.g., recognition, perception, increased efficiency in providing care); and/or,
- The impact of pharmacist board certification on Pharmacist employment, professional development, and/or wellbeing (e.g., job satisfaction, retention, career advancement).

3. *Abstract*

A brief description and specific aims of the proposed project (no more than 1 page).

4. *Key personnel form*

Please note that the "Role on Project" should be a short title (e.g., co-investigator, consultant). Explain the role and qualifications (if applicable) of all individuals involved with the project.

5. *Budget*

The total award is for direct costs related to research, with the caveat that funding may not be used for institutional overhead, salary support for investigators, or equipment expenditures. Award funds may be used for salary support of technical or support personnel but cannot be used as salary support for the investigators. Please justify all budget items. If the award will provide only partial support for the project's total budget, state specifically how the balance will be funded and provide evidence of its guaranteed availability. A portion of the award should be used to assist with attendance at the FIP Congress in 2027 (max 1500 Euros). Any funds remaining at the end of the 24-month period shall be refunded to the FIP Foundation.

6. *Research plan*

- a. Introduction: include the introduction, study question, and specific aims. Indicate which of the four specific research areas related to Board Certification the project addresses. Discuss the rationale for the project.
- b. Background and significance: discuss the existing knowledge base, identify gaps this project might fill and discuss the significance of the project.
- c. Research methods:
 - i. Experimental design, including rationale
 - ii. Study population, including a detailed description of data sources or recruitment strategy

- iii. Data collection procedure, including survey instrument or outcome variables, if applicable
 - iv. Data analysis plan
 - v. Plan for dissemination of results
- d. Timeline: provide a detailed timeline for project completion. Include dates by which key study milestones will be completed.
- e. References: include a bibliography of cited references.
- f. Format: at least 11-point font (figures/tables may use smaller font), at least 0.5 inch margins, and no longer than 12 pages total, single-spaced.

Grantee Responsibilities

By accepting this award, the grantees agree to undertake all reasonable efforts to complete the project and take responsibility for fulfilling the terms described within the award letter. If, for any reason, the grantee is unable to complete the project, the FIP Foundation shall be informed in writing as soon as possible, including a justification and report of the activities completed up to that point.

The grant period of activity will begin upon funding distribution by the FIP Foundation (and IRB approval/exemption, if applicable) and will expire 24 months after disbursement of the funds. Grantees are expected to adhere to the timeline above. Use of the funds should match the proposed budget. Any updates to the proposed budget or project must be requested by email to the FIP Foundation (foundation@fip.org) prior to the change. Remaining unused funds shall be returned to the FIP Foundation at the end of the grant period, while over-expenditure is the responsibility of the investigators.

The FIP Foundation and BPS shall be notified of any publications and/or presentations resulting from work. Publications and/or presentations shall acknowledge BPS/FIP Foundation Research Grant funding support.

During the funding period, grantees will be required to submit electronic copies of the following:

One-year progress report	No later than August 2027
Final report	No later than August 2028

The final project report will be written in a format suitable for publication in the [International Pharmacy Journal \(IPJ\)](#) and [presentation at the FIP Congress](#).