



VCU Pharmaceuticals is seeking Ph.D. students for 2019 fall admission

The Department of Pharmaceutics of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Pharmacy is seeking highly qualified and motivated students for admission to our Ph.D. program in 2019 fall.

VCU Pharmaceuticals has maintained a nationally-ranked, research-intensive graduate Ph.D. program in drug delivery and development for over 30 years. Upon admission, our graduate students complete a common core of graduate courses, including statistics, physical pharmacy, biopharmaceutics, drug metabolism, pharmacokinetics, pharmaceutical analysis, and seminars in drug development. Students then specialize through advanced coursework and meritorious research training in an area of concentration in the department with nationally and internationally recognized faculty experts and scientists, and state-of-the-art instrumentation. Our students are highly motivated, committed and productive, having accomplished many research presentations/publications, received awards/scholarships, and completed the Ph.D. program in 4-6 years, while actively participating in teaching and professional/community activities. VCU Pharmaceuticals is now pleased to announce the availability of School-funded competitive Ph.D. program assistantships for highly qualified and motivated applicants commencing in 2019 fall.

Graduate Admissions

VCU Pharmaceuticals offers funding for tuition and fees as well as stipend for this Ph.D. program admission in 2019 fall in the form of teaching assistantships. Our graduate admissions are described in detail at <https://pharmacy.vcu.edu/pharmaceutics/graduate-programs/graduate-admissions/>. Students with Master or Bachelor degrees in pharmacy, chemistry, biology, engineering, and other relevant majors are encouraged to apply. Application review will commence in December 2018 and continue until we fill all positions. Applications will be evaluated based on overall strengths, credentials and interest in research, which include academic performance and class rank during Bachelor and/or Master program education, research experience, GRE, TOEFL or IELTS (for international students), letters of reference, and candidate interview. Due to our research-area targeted admission, applicants are strongly encouraged to describe the area(s) of their research interest in the Personal Statement. **Our research program has the greatest strengths in aerosol drug delivery** (da Rocha; Hindle; Sakagami); **bioanalysis** (Halquist); **pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, drug metabolism and drug transporters** (Gerk; Sweet; Venitz); **proteomics** (Hawkridge); **nanomedicine** (da Rocha; Xu; Zhu); **ocular drug delivery** (Xu); and **immunotherapeutics** (Zhu). See <https://pharmacy.vcu.edu/pharmaceutics/research/> for detail.

Applications, Useful Websites and Contacts

- ◆ **Application Submission:** VCU Graduate School (<https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/>)
- ◆ **International Student Application/Visa:** VCU Office of International Admissions (<https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/international/graduate-applicants/>)
- ◆ **General Inquiries:** VCU School of Pharmacy Graduate Program (<https://pharmacy.vcu.edu/admissions/graduate/>)
 - Shakim Craft (sjackson29@vcu.edu), VCU School of Pharmacy Graduate Education Coordinator
- ◆ **Program Inquiries:** Pharmaceutics Graduate Program (<https://pharmacy.vcu.edu/pharmaceutics/graduate-programs/>)
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