

**FELLOWSHIP  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES/PHARMACOTHERAPY  
University of Rhode Island (URI) - College of Pharmacy  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) – Providence RI**

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**Hospital and Hospital System Specific Information**

The Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) is dedicated to providing high quality comprehensive outpatient and inpatient healthcare to veterans residing in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. Each veteran who comes to the Medical Center for care is assured personalized care by a team of health care providers. The VAMC is licensed for 119 beds. The VAMC in Providence, RI has professional affiliations with Brown University School of Medicine, The Harvard School of Dental Medicine and The University of Rhode Island.

**General Description/ Educational Purpose:**

This two year fellowship program is design to provide skills that are necessary to pursue a career in academia, clinical research and basic clinical practice focused in infectious diseases. The program integrates a formal hands-on laboratory experience, teaching (classroom and experiential), and practical clinical experience. A major focus of this program is in research design, development,

analysis and writing for final publication. Fellows are responsible for submitting their research to national and international infectious diseases meetings and submitting their papers to peer reviewed journals for publication.

### **Research**

The research environment is conducive to scholarly work. The fellow will receive formal training in both laboratory and clinically based research. Laboratory training will allow for the understanding and implementation of in vitro infectious diseases research including but not limited to, pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic modeling, molecular technologies, and statistical analysis. Clinical research will include development of a research project and experience in Investigational Review Board (IRB) submission for either prospective or retrospective studies. Guidance in study design, chart review, and analysis will be provided. The fellow is responsible for submitting research proposal to the VAMC Institutional Review Board (IRB; human), and Research and Development Board (R&D).

### **Clinical**

During the two year program the fellow will be responsible for providing clinical Infectious Diseases/Pharmacotherapy, Pharmacokinetics and Antimicrobial Stewardship services to the VAMC hospital and Infectious Diseases consult team for approximately 2 months per year. In order to provide a well rounded clinical experience, there is opportunity for the fellow to participate on the Antimicrobial-Sub Committee, and Infection Control Committee at the Providence VAMC. Participation on these committees is not required, but will be based upon current research projects in areas of Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Control.

### **Teaching**

The fellow will have several opportunities for teaching. The requirement will encompass classroom teaching at the University of Rhode Islands College of Pharmacy, Noon conference (given to Brown University medical students, interns, residents and staff), and assisting in precepting the 6<sup>th</sup> year Pharm.D. students during their Infectious Diseases experiential rotation.

### **Benefits**

Fellows receive a competitive stipend that includes full medical and dental coverage (signal or family coverage). Additional benefits include paid membership in the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacy (SIDP) and American Society of Microbiology (ASM), book stipends, and paid expenses for professional meetings, fellow forums and conferences.

### **Qualifications**

- Pharm.D. degree or RPh. with clinical inpatient internal medicine experience.
- Applicants are encouraged to have completed a general practice or specialty residency with strong focus on inpatient medicine.
- Licensed pharmacist (or eligible) in the state of Rhode Island.