The following GRANTS/CONTRACTS have recently been awarded:


2. **Dr. Joseph Byrd** (P.I. – Pharmacy Practice). University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Professional Agreement (Mississippi State Hospital), $24,000, May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007.


4. **Dr. Alice Clark** (P.I. – ORSP/Pharmacognosy); **Dr. Gregory Tschumper**, **Dr. Stephen Davis**, **Dr. Jason Ritchie** and **Dr. Randy Watkins** (Co-P.I.’s – Chemistry); **Dr. Robert Doerksen** (Co-P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry); **Dr. Peter Sukanek** (Co-P.I. – Chemical Engineering); and **Dr. Amy Wells** (Co-P.I. – Leadership and Counselor Education). Innovations Through Computational Sciences (Mississippi State University/National Science Foundation), $356,250, May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007.


14. Dr. Ikhhlas Khan (P.I. – NCNPR), Dr. Troy Smillie (Co-P.I. – NCNPR) and Dr. Shabana Khan (Co-P.I. – NCNPR). Identification of Antiviral Compounds from Plants (Stephen F. Austin State University/Centers for Disease Control), $150,000, August 1, 2005-July 31, 2006.
22. Dr. Noel Wilkin (P.I. – Pharmacy Administration) and Dr. Yi Yang (Co-P.I. – Pharmacy Administration). End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Medications Use and Costs in the Outpatient Setting (NABI Biopharmaceuticals), $15,000, May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007.

The following PUBLICATIONS have appeared:


TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER transactions:
(In the interest of protecting confidential information, the names and titles associated with School of Pharmacy invention disclosures and patent applications will no longer be published until after a patent has issued.)

| Invention Disclosures Filed in FY2005-2006: | 5 |
| Patent Applications Pending: | 34 |
| Recent Patents Granted: | 2 |

The following SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS are also listed:

- The 2006 Graduate Student Achievement Awards in Pharmacy were presented to: Erin Holmes and Akshay Patny. Ms. Holmes is a Pharmacy Administration Ph.D. candidate (Advisor is Dr. Dewey Garner) and Mr. Patny is a Medicinal Chemistry Ph.D. candidate (Advisor is Dr. Mitch Avery).

- Dr. Ikhas Khan was selected as a member of the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) for Natural Health Products. The Natural Health Products Directorate (NHPD) is the official regulator of natural health products in Canada. The Advisory Committee “provides the Director General of the Directorate with expert advice on issues related to the safety, quality and efficacy of natural health products. The EAC includes members from the professional and scientific communities. Questions referred to the EAC from NHPD may be from a broad range of issues, but focus on scientific areas where detailed or difficult evaluation is required.” Members of the Committee are appointed for a two-year term.

- The University of Mississippi Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, hosted a Student Research Poster Symposium in April 2006. Sridhar Thumma a Pharmaceutics graduate student was awarded the Best Presentation in Chemical Sciences III for his poster “Formulation of a Delta-9-THC Prodrug Utilizing PEO Matrices”. Mr. Thumma is working on a Ph.D. degree under the direction of Dr. Michael Repka.

- Two of the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) teams made it into the top six finalists in the National FedEx Institute of Technology Business Plan Competition. One of the teams
(AbliTech) was awarded the second runner up position and received a cash prize of $2,500. Participants of IGERT are centered in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Mississippi and the School of Polymers and High Performance Materials at the University of Southern Mississippi.

- **Dr. John Williamson** was awarded for “Dedication and Commitment in Graduate Student Recruitment” at the Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi (AGEM) Winter Symposium, January 2006 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. **Dr. Williamson** also participated in recent Review Panels: NIH-NCI SBIR Special Emphasis Group (March 2006); NIH-NCI/NIAID Countermeasures to Nuclear Radiation Terrorism (June 2005); and NIH-NCI National Cooperative Drug Discovery Groups for Cancer (October 2004).
- **Dr. Mark Hamann** was selected to become a member of the Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA) General Subjects editorial board effective July 1, 2006.

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