



THE UNIVERSITY of
MISSISSIPPI
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Our Mission

The mission of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is to improve health, well-being, and quality of life of individuals and communities by educating students, pharmacy practitioners and pharmaceutical scientists, conducting research, and engaging in service.

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (RIPS) encompasses three major divisions: The National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR), The Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management (CPMM), and The Pii Center for Pharmaceutical Technology. The mission of the NCNPR is to discover, develop, and commercialize natural product-derived pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals to benefit human health and agricultural productivity. The CPMM promotes efficiency and effectiveness in the marketing and management of pharmaceutical products and services in all segments of the industry. The Pii Center is devoted to research related to Hot-Melt Extrusion and other pharmaceutical processing technologies. RIPS contributes to the economic development of the state by partnering with Mississippi industries to enhance the competitiveness of those industries and by attracting new companies to Mississippi.

Educational Programs

- B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B.S.P.S.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
- Pre-professional (pre-pharmacy) program: this program requires a minimum of three years of study, and the professional program consists of four academic years. After completion of the initial year of professional course work, students receive the B.S.P.S. degree. The Pharm.D. is awarded following completion of three additional years of professional courses. Pre-pharmacy courses may be taken at any accredited two-year or four-year higher education institution. The entry/admission process for the professional program can occur either after completion of high school (Early Entry/Early Assurance) or traditionally after completion of the pre-pharmacy program (Regular Entry). The initial two years of professional courses are taken on the Oxford campus; the third professional year occurs at the University of Mississippi Medical Center campus in Jackson. The fourth year consists of a series of advanced practice experiences primarily in Mississippi.

- M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences with emphases in Environmental Toxicology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutics, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology, or Pharmacy Administration
- Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences with emphases in Environmental Toxicology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology, Pharmaceutics, or Pharmacy Administration

Research

The faculty of the School of Pharmacy maintain active, funded research programs in a variety of biomedical, social administrative, and clinical sciences. Faculty compete for funding from a variety of sources, including the National Institutes of Health, other federal agencies, foundations, and the pharmaceutical industry. The school was ranked 9th in the nation for extramural funding in 2015.

The School of Pharmacy's Research Visioning Strategic Plan identifies four areas of research:

- Cancer
- Cardiometabolic Disorders
- Neuroscience/Drugs of Abuse
- Infectious Diseases

The school's Research Visioning Statement reads:

The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy will be globally recognized for its multidisciplinary research in the discovery, development and translation of innovative solutions to health care problems.

Service and Outreach Programs

The School of Pharmacy provides service to citizens and health care professionals through a variety of outreach programs. These include provision of:

- Pharmaceutical care at the UM Student Health Center Pharmacy, and various other ambulatory, inpatient, and managed care sites
- Drug information to health care professionals
- Continuing education for pharmacists and other professionals through the activities of the Division of Pharmacy Professional Development
- Scientific, management, and leadership expertise to pharmaceutical industries, other academic institutions, community pharmacies, clinics, and medical centers
- Leadership to local, state, and national professional and scientific organizations

Faculty

The School of Pharmacy has nearly 100 regular faculty members, in addition to more than 300 preceptors that teach at more than 150 sites.

Students

The applicant pool for admission to the professional pharmacy program is strong. Local, national, and international candidates comprise the applicant pool. Preference is given to US citizens who are residents of Mississippi and to students who have taken their pre-pharmacy course work at the University of Mississippi. The school seeks to admit approximately 115 students to the professional pharmacy program annually.

2015-2016 Enrollment

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| 452 | Professional students |
| 170 | Early entry students |
| 271 | Pre-pharmacy students |
| 14 | M.S. students |
| 78 | Ph.D. students |
| 3 | Residents |

The Challenge Ahead

The School of Pharmacy must raise significant funds from non-state appropriated sources in order to deliver quality education and service programs and to conduct the quality of research to which it is committed. Funds must be raised to increase endowments to support student and faculty needs. Funds raised through the annual fund, including the phonathon, support:

Student Aid and Scholarships – Attract increasing numbers of excellent and diverse students by providing additional scholarships and fellowships

Teaching, Learning, and Research Support – Strengthen academic programs and enhance teaching, learning, and research opportunities for students and faculty

Special Opportunities – Obtain unrestricted gifts to be used by the dean of the school for unique education, service, or research opportunities

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