

AFPC New Faculty Member - Welcome & Information

Welcome as a new Faculty Member of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada - your national voice for academic pharmacy. Established in 1944, AFPC is a national not-for-profit charitable organization. As stated in our new Strategic Plan 2020-2025, AFPC's Mission is "Advancing pharmacy education and research in Canada"; the Vision is "Better health for all Canadians through excellence in academic pharmacy". The goals are under four Strategic Priorities: Pharmacy Education, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Innovation in Research and Advocacy.

AFPC has two basic categories of members (voting and non-voting members). The 20 voting members are the Council of Faculties (one faculty voting member from each faculty / school / college of pharmacy) and the Council of Deans (one Dean or Director voting member from each faculty). All other members are non-voting: Faculty Members, Associates (non-faculty individuals) and Affiliates (external organizations). Each faculty has published membership criteria identifying who is eligible to be an AFPC Faculty Member. The AFPC Board of Directors is composed of five Council of Faculties and five Council of Deans

members. The President position rotates annually between a Dean and a Council of Faculties member. AFPC has an Administrative Office (Executive Director and Executive Assistant).

There are no individual faculty membership fees as each faculty pays an annual fee for all its faculty members, based on first year student enrollment. Faculty membership lists are updated twice per year. All faculty member information is provided to the AFPC office by the respective faculty / school / college.



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AFPC STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025



MISSION
Advancing pharmacy
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Pharmacy Education
2. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
3. Innovation in Research
4. Advocacy

Canadian Faculties / Schools / Colleges of Pharmacy

Memorial University
School of Pharmacy

Dalhousie University
College of Pharmacy

Université Laval
Faculté de pharmacie

Université de Montréal
Faculté de pharmacie

University of Toronto
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

University of Waterloo
School of Pharmacy

University of Manitoba
College of Pharmacy

University of Saskatchewan
College of Pharmacy and Nutrition

University of Alberta
Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

University of British Columbia
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

AFPC STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Pharmacy Education
 - 1.1. To foster effective collaboration and collective action that supports national initiatives.
 - 1.2. To support and promote leadership development and excellence in undergraduate and graduate education.
 - 1.3. To champion culturally safe, diverse and accessible pharmacy education for all.
2. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
 - 2.1. To nurture a culture of teaching and learning scholarship in academic pharmacy.
 - 2.2. To support members in building capacity for evidence-informed teaching and learning.
 - 2.3. To encourage collaborative scholarship that advances the quality of pharmacy education in Canada.
3. Innovation in Research
 - 3.1. To support faculty and students to excel and collaborate in innovative pharmacy, applied health and pharmaceutical sciences research.
 - 3.2. To support members in demonstrating the value and impact of research.
4. Advocacy
 - 4.1. To be the national voice for undergraduate and graduate pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences education and research in Canada.
 - 4.2. To be a knowledge resource for pharmacy education and research in Canada.
 - 4.3. To strengthen relationships with external organizations and stakeholders, and to be an effective advocate for optimal resources for AFPC and its members.

BENEFITS OF BEING AN AFPC FACULTY MEMBER

✓ **Up-to-date and comprehensive communications & resources about academic pharmacy**

AFPC Website (www.afpc.info)

Members can access a comprehensive, up-to-date inventory of information about AFPC, annual conference and events, organizational resources, awards program, advocacy and careers. In addition, portals exist to access individual faculties / schools, and to access the open-source [Informatics for Pharmacy Students](#) e-Resource at <http://eLearnHCP.ca>, which has 20 digital health chapters.

A range of AFPC documents and reports are available, including frequently used documents such as [experiential education](#) resources and AFPC's [Educational Outcomes](#) for First Professional Degree Programs in Pharmacy in Canada, including [user manuals](#). There is information on AFPC's [opioid & substance use initiatives](#). An [AFPC Faculty e-Resource site](#) includes a Truth & Reconciliation in Canadian Pharmacy Education web portal. The portal is a place to share resources and ideas, ask questions and collaborate with colleagues across the country.

AFPC eMail Communications

Members are kept up to date through emailed updates about AFPC events, initiatives and time sensitive subjects or developments pertaining to pharmacy education and research. The updates are sent electronically from the AFPC office or through the Council of Faculties voting members. This includes information about the AFPC annual conference, awards program, new resources, national initiatives and advocacy.

✓ **Networking with Colleagues**

Members have opportunities for networking with colleagues and other AFPC faculty members across Canada. The AFPC annual conference is structured to provide faculty members with numerous opportunities for networking.

In addition, eight Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been created for AFPC faculty members with common educational or research interests. Current SIGs include: Educational Assessment; Experiential Education (PEP-C); Program Evaluation; Informatics; Medicinal Chemistry; Skills Lab; Self-Care Therapeutics and Minor Ailments; Truth and Reconciliation. Contact the SIG Chair or AFPC's Executive Assistant if you would like to join or want more information.

✓ **Annual Conference (CPERC)**

AFPC's premier networking event is the annual conference - Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). Pharmacy educators have an opportunity to showcase initiatives and innovations in Canadian pharmacy education, present research and network with their colleagues.

The typical conference format is for an opening reception, followed by a two-day educational conference with a mix of keynote/plenary sessions, concurrent mini and SIG sessions, faculty updates, roundtables and poster presentations. Post-CPERC symposia were held in 2018 and 2019 on Educational Scholarship and Indigenization. CPERC 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 conference was held virtually. CPERC 2022 is planned for St. John's, NL, June 14-17.

✓ **Awards program**

Members are eligible for peer recognition awards or can nominate colleagues. The annual AFPC awards program is a high-profile event - seven student awards and eight faculty awards are available. The Awards Gala during CPERC recognizes significant accomplishments in pharmacy education and research. Please check the AFPC website for a copy of the awards booklet (with eligibility criteria) and for submission deadlines on specific awards, as well as past award winners.

✓ **Associate membership in Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA)**

Pharmacist faculty members are automatically associate members of CPhA as AFPC is an organizational member of CPhA. Benefits include availability of a national pharmacy advocacy program, support for pharmacy practice research, a print copy of the *Canadian Pharmacists Journal*, networking opportunities, current news and information and continuing professional development programs. To take advantage of your new benefits through CPhA, login or register at: www.pharmacists.ca/register.

✓ **Advocacy and relationships with national health care and pharmacy organizations**

AFPC maintains liaisons and relationships with national organizations and has representatives on a number of Boards of Directors. This includes regular and ad hoc communications about academic pharmacy interests in Canada. Examples include Health Canada, Healthcare Excellence Canada, Canada Health Infoway, Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada and national pharmacy organizations (e.g., CAPSI, CCAPP, CCCEP, CPhA, CSHP, NAPRA, PEBC).

For additional questions about AFPC membership, contact the AFPC Executive Director, Janet Cooper (executivedirector@afpc.info; 613-298-7167) or Executive Assistant, Sara West (admin@afpc.info) or your Council of Faculties member.

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