



**PSSA YOUNG
PHARMACISTS' GROUP**

**Professional Innovation
Project**

**Application Form for
Young Pharmacists and
Pharmaceutical Scientists**

2021

**PHARMACEUTICAL
SOCIETY OF
SOUTH AFRICA
(PSSA)**

General Regulations

Please note that this application form will be the applicant's project entry in the 2021 database of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA) Young Pharmacists' Group (YPG). By signing this form, the applicant grants PSSA the right to publicise the outcomes of the project.

To expedite the processing of this form, please fill it in completely and correctly. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the YPG at ypg@pssa.org.za.

Grant Description

The goal of the Professional Innovation Project is to promote innovation in the profession of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences through creative projects by young pharmacists (pharmacy practitioners and pharmaceutical scientists) to directly or indirectly benefit or improve health and to demonstrate the value-add of pharmacy on health.

Application and Procedures

Young pharmacists can submit a project proposal that addresses a specific issue or problem that may be improved through an innovative pharmacist-led intervention. The issue may be related to any field of professional practice and its outcome should directly or indirectly have a positive impact on the community.

Award

The winner will receive a grant of R15 000 to assist in the implementation of the winning project. The winner will be announced in May 2021.

The grant recipient is expected to submit a **project report** to YPG from time to time and to **present** on the winning project in 2022/2023 at a PSSA/Sector Conference. In addition,

the recipient will be obliged to submit **interim reports and updates** as required by YPG or the PSSA.

Eligibility and Limitations

Only paid-up individual members of PSSA YPG are eligible to apply. All previous grant winners are not eligible to apply again. Each applicant can submit only one project. Group work must be submitted under one applicant's name only.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted or postmarked by **31 March 2021**. The application should include:

1. This application form, complete and signed.
2. Applicant's curriculum vitae (CV), max 2 pages.
3. Project budget. The project budget must be table format including the item budgeted for, the budgeted amount and justification for including the item. In cases where equipment will be bought with the grant, the 'owner' of the equipment as well as 'location' after the project must be specified e.g. where will it go after completion of the project.

Submissions may be made by email to Nomaphelo Krakri (Project Coordinator): ypg@pssa.org.za.

Applications that do not strictly comply with the application instructions will not be included.

Judging Process

All entries received will be assigned a number and screened for compliance to application rules. A review panel nominated by YPG and approved by the PSSA will consider all valid applications. The winning project will be selected by the review panel and subjected to approval by the PSSA.

Each entry will be evaluated anonymously based on five criteria and assigned a numerical score. The following scoring system will be used:

Significance and Relevance (20 points): Indication of the importance and impact the identified problem or issue is having on populations/communities, or in general.

Creativity and Innovation (20 points): The demonstration of imagination, problem-solving techniques, etc., and an assessment of the proposed solution's originality and uniqueness, the use of science to solve the problem, or the potential impact of the solution on the community or in general.

Scientific Accuracy (20 points): Evaluation of the methods used to research the topic and to test the proposed probable results of the intervention.

Feasibility (20 points): Assessment of the likelihood that the project is realistic, feasible, able to show results in one year.

Clarity of Communication (20 points): Includes adherence to the facts and data, etc. The project should show a coherent display and presentation.

The Professional Innovation project grant is only awarded to ONE winning project each year.

The winner will be notified during May 2021.

Report submissions by Grant winner:

The Grant winner for 2021 is required to adhere to the following timeline

November 2021	Submit brief progress report to YPG
May 2022	Submit brief progress report and project abstract with preliminary results for a PSSA/Sector Conference to YPG
November 2023	Submit a final project report to YPG and PSSA. The report should include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Description of activities carried out; •Evaluation of objectives achieved; •Declaration of how the Grant has been spent.
2022/2023	Present a podium presentation at a PSSA/Sector Conference on the completed project

Reminders with submission instructions and exact deadlines will be communicated to the winner periodically.

The information on this page aims to explain the various parts of this application form and to aid in its completion.

Part I. Project identification

Project title

You must give your project a name. It should be short and descriptive i.e. be brief and informative.

There are no boundaries as to what your project can be about. The Professional Innovation Project is based only on the principle that pharmacists can and should react when faced with situations where pharmacists can add real value. This project is looking at innovation. You may choose any kind of topic and any type of intervention. However, we suggest that you address a widespread problem, which could

have an observable impact on a large segment of the community.

Example:

Perhaps you have set up a new service for your blind patients, so they may be better able to understand their medicines. You may want to develop a way of educating others involved in pharmacy through use of the internet, or you may be involved in developing a new drug delivery system.

Summary

This is a lay, simple non-technical language description of your project. This summary should explain the purpose of the project and describe what the project will do; its impact on the community and any potential consequences of not solving or improving the situation.

Part II. Applicant identification

Applicant

Any young pharmacist or pharmaceutical scientist who is a paid-up individual member of the PSSA YPG can nominate him/herself. Group work may be submitted, but one member of the group would have to be designated to receive the grant on behalf of the group. Applicants are limited to submitting one project per year.

Signature

In order for the application form to be reviewed, please make sure you have read, understood and signed it properly. By signing the application form the applicant agrees to adhere to the general regulations as described here.

Part III. Project description

Themes

Please select one to three themes, which best describe the project. You are free to define new fields that are applicable to your project. The number of the themes you select or the subjects you select will not have any effect in the evaluation process. They are collected for statistical purposes only.

Project Significance

This is the part where you describe the issue or problem, its impact on the community and any potential consequences of not solving or improving the situation.

1. *What is the subject?*
2. *How did you identify the subject?*
3. *Why is it important?*
4. *How does it affect the community?*
5. *What will happen if the problem is not solved?*

Please indicate clearly the primary goals, aims and objectives of the project and possible additional measurable outcome(s).

Project duration

Please indicate the time span for implementation of the project: short-term can be between 3 weeks and 6 months and long-term projects are longer than 6 months. Remember that there should be **measurable** results within the first year of implementation of the project

**Scientific Background/
Development of the problem**

Please provide a rationale for the project and what is known about the topic. Indicate the appropriate resources and/or references used in developing your proposal. In case no scientific information is available or accessible – please describe in detail

the development of the problem you would like to address with this project.

Project Impact

Describe the outcomes you expect to be available at the end of the project. The application form should clearly indicate the potential outcomes from the implementation of your project. They should have concrete measurable aspects. Your project should address one (or more) fields where we can see the outcomes: the society, the profession and/or to the science/research.

Methods

Please remember this is the most important part of the form. The tasks should be clearly explained, with examples of what an applicant will be doing and a timeline. Describe your idea and proposed intervention: How do you think the pharmacist could intervene?

How your solution will work in practice

Please include data that demonstrates the feasibility of the project, detailing the resources required.

- 1. How is it a feasible solution?*
- 2. Evidence you gather that supports your expected results.*
- 3. If granted, what could you achieve in one year?*
- 4. What major challenges must you overcome?*

Pharmacists' role in the project

How the unique qualifications/situation of the pharmacists in the society enables the applicant to act on that project?

Project budget

Please include a comprehensive proposed project budget for the grant amount and justify the inclusion of all items/activities/resources.

Submitting the application:

You can send your application by email:

Email: ypg@pssa.org.za

Any other communication with regard to the project should be addressed towards the Executive Director of PSSA:

**PSSA YPG Professional Innovation Project
P.O. Box 75769
Lynnwood Ridge, 0400
South Africa**

Applications must be received by **31 March 2021**. They must be completed in full, signed properly and accompanied by the applicant's curriculum vitae (CV).

Application Form

**Young Pharmacists/Pharmaceutical Scientists
Professional Innovation Project**

2021

To be filled in by the YPG	
Reference number:	

This form must be completed in English!

Part I. Project Identification

Title of your proposed project

Please note that you have to give the project a name. Please provide a title that is clear, precise and informative.

Click here to enter text.

A summary of the project in a non-technical language for publicity:

Please describe the issue or problem, its impact on the community and any potential consequences of not solving or improving the situation in simple, non-technical terms. (max. 50 words)

Click here to enter text.

Part II. Applicant Identification

A. Details of the applicant

Please attach a short Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the applicant. If this is a group application, please submit a short CV of the person who will represent the applying group

Name: Click here to enter text.

PSSA Membership No.: Click here to enter text. Professional Occupation Click here to enter text.

Street address: Click here to enter text.

Postcode: Click here to enter text. City: Click here to enter text.

Province: Click here to enter text. South Africa: Click here to enter text.

E-mail: Click here to enter text.

Cell phone Click here to enter text. Click here to enter text. Work: Code Number
Click here to enter text. Click here to enter text.

Signature

By signing this application, the applicant agrees and understands that any monies received or paid as a result of this application are subject to the following terms:

1. All information contained in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of your knowledge, and no relevant information has been withheld.
2. Funds granted as a result of this request are expended for the project described in this application.
3. The Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA) has the right to make available and to use all data provided in this form for the purposes of managing the grant and to publicize the outcomes of the project.
4. The applicant is obliged to keep the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA) informed of any changes concerning the proposed project in a timely manner.
5. In the event of winning the grant, the applicant is obliged to submit reports and updates as required by the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA).

I affirm that this application for the Young Pharmacists/Pharmaceutical Scientists' Professional Innovation Project is original and has been independently developed by the author. I further affirm that I have read and understand the rules of the competition.

Applicant's name: Click here to enter text.

Place: Click here to enter text. Date Click here to enter text.

Signature _____

Part III. Project Description

Main themes for the activities

The topics listed below are examples. The applicant is free to define new themes/subjects applicable to the project.

Please tick a maximum of 3 boxes

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> International cooperation | <input type="checkbox"/> Compounding & drug development | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous professional development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging trends in practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Research & model designs | <input type="checkbox"/> E-pharmacy & new technologies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural healthcare development | <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostics & clinical practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Novel community pharmacy services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication management practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination services | <input type="checkbox"/> Biotechnology & pharmacogenetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional development & promotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology & post market research | <input type="checkbox"/> "Seven star" pharmacist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Managing disease outbreaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug targeting & drug delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify: Click here to enter text.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-drugs/substance abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Herbal & traditional medicines | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify: Click here to enter text.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disadvantaged people | <input type="checkbox"/> Academia & pharmacy education | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify: Click here to enter text.) |

Project Significance

Describe why the research is significant and whether the research addresses an important problem. Please indicate clearly the primary goals, aims and objectives of the project (Max. 100 words)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Proposed duration of the project:

Short-term - between 3 weeks and 6 months

Long-term - longer than 6 months

Remember that there should be **measurable** results within the first year of implementation of the project.

Short Term

Long Term

Project Description (cont.)

Scientific Background / Problem Development (with references):

Please provide a rationale for the project and what is known about the topic.

(Max. 100 words)

Click here to enter text.

Project Impact:

Describe possible outcomes resulting from project implementation. These outcomes should be measurable. Identify one (or more) of the following: (a) potential outcomes relevant to the society; (b) potential outcomes relevant to the research/science; (c) potential outcomes relevant to the profession.

(Max. 100 words)

Click here to enter text.

Project Description (cont.)

Methods:

*Describe the proposed intervention and all steps required to achieve or evaluate the defined outcomes.
(Max. 300 words)*

Click here to enter text.

Project Description (cont.)

How your solution will work in practice

*Information and data that demonstrates the feasibility of the project, detailing the resources required.
(Max. 150 words)*

Click here to enter text.

Pharmacists' role in the project:

*What qualifications will be important? What is the role of the pharmacist in this particular project?
(Max. 50 words)*

Click here to enter text.

~ End of Application Form ~