



PSSA Young Pharmacists' Group

Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa



Call for applications for the PSSA Young Pharmacists' Group (YPG) **Professional Innovation Project 2019** is now open!

The Grant

A grant for **Professional Innovation** is offered by YPG and the PSSA to support and encourage **innovation in pharmacy**.

The Grant consists of **R15 000** for the **implementation of a project** by a young pharmacist/ pharmaceutical scientist.

Projects can stem from **any field of pharmacy** (pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical science and/or pharmacy education) but should directly or indirectly benefit or **improve health of communities** and demonstrate the **value-add of pharmacy on health**.

Eligibility - Applicants must be paid-up individual PSSA YPG members.

Deadline – 31 March 2019

Judging Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on **five criteria**:
• Significance and relevance, Creativity and innovation,
• Scientific accuracy, Feasibility as well as Clarity of communication.

Grant Conditions

The Grant recipient is expected to submit a **project report** to the PSSA and to present on the winning project in 2020/2021 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.

Additional Information

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Liaison officer

Matlapeng Shabalala has compiled a database of YPG representatives of all the PSSA branches. This will assist us in ensuring that the information gets filtered through to branch level adequately. He was given the task to liaise with the SAPSF president in order to establish better communication channels. Pharmacy students are the future of the profession and it is important for us to have a good relationship with them. Contact will be made with the universities and a suitable date and time will be arranged for the YPG representatives to present to the final year students to explain to them the role of the YPG and to inform them of the various projects that the YPG is involved in. We are aiming to start the presentations at the universities as from April 2019. We encourage the PSSA branches with universities to invite the SAPSF representatives to their meetings.

Professional innovation project (PIP)

The call for projects has been circulated, posted on the PSSA website as well as on various platforms of social media. The due date is 31 March 2019.

General

Matlapeng represented the YPG at the Limpopo SAAHIP conference and was very successful. We have noted the issue of the placements of CSPs and interns and we can only assist them in giving information and referring them to the national office.

Other Projects

Presentation "Show-off" – Information on how the presentation show-off works will be sent out to the various branches; this will allow the YPG to be actively involved in conferences. The mentorship programme working group is active. Feedback on the progress of the mentorship programme will be given in the next issue of the SAPJ as well as on our Facebook Page.