

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Class of 2025



School of Pharmacy

GRADUATE STUDIES
HOODING & RECOGNITION
CEREMONY

Doctor of Philosophy Candidates
Master's Degree Candidates
Graduate Certificate Students

The University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy

Pharmacy instruction began at UW–Madison in 1883 with the second university-based program in the country. In 1895, the UW awarded the first Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree in the United States. The first PhD for work in pharmaceutical sciences was conferred at the UW in 1902, marking the beginning of doctoral training in the pharmaceutical sciences in the United States.

The UW also awarded the first PhD degrees in the country in pharmaceutics (1917), in the history of pharmacy (1952), in pharmacy administration (1954), in social studies of pharmacy (1970) and in the field of continuing education in pharmacy (1973). The first Doctor of Pharmacy degree at UW–Madison was conferred in May 1992.

The UW–Madison School of Pharmacy awarded its first Pharmaceutical Sciences MS degrees and Graduate Certificates in Applied Drug Development in 2021 and Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation in 2023. These programs prepare students for meaningful careers to meet ever-changing healthcare challenges through relevant, rigorous, and socially informed coursework.



Doctor of Philosophy Candidates

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Kennedy A. Borchardt-Setter –
Kenosha, WI
Nathaniel J. Brittin – *Warrington, PA*
Roger Chang – *Taoyuan, Taiwan*
Malik E. Ebbini – *Edina, MN*
Sookyung Hwang –
Yonginsu, Republic of Korea
Mabel Minji McCurdy –
Gwacheon, Republic of Korea
Hannah N. Miles – *Clinton, IL*
Amy L. Neusaenger – *Austin, TX*
Dylan J. Sebo – *Wausau, WI*
Ke Wang – *Suzhou, China*
Yaxian Zhou – *Nanjing, China*
Zexin Zhu – *Xuzhou, China*

Health Services Research in Pharmacy

Emily L. Hoffins – *Pewaukee, WI*
Helen O. Omuya – *Madison, WI* Meng-
Jung Wen – *Kaohsiung City, Taiwan*

Master of Science Candidates

Health Services Research in Pharmacy

Annika L. Pickard – *Aurora, IL*

Applied Drug Development

Sai Prakash Akella – *Hyderabad, India*
Sita Bhargavi Aluri – *Hyderabad, India*
Sai Teja Amarvadi – *Hyderabad, India*
Kwabena Asante Mensah – *Madison, WI*
Wai Hlaing Bwar – *Mogoke, Myanmar*
Liming Chen – *Shenzhen, China*
Srija Reddy Chintapally – *Madison, WI*
Umang Dhokeriya – *Surat, India*
Dheeran Gangaraju – *Hyderabad, India*
Amanda Kauffman – *Caledonia, WI*
Jillian Manning – *Cheshire, CT*

Ali Mohmoud – *Libertyville, IL*
Rishitha Nukaraju – *Warangal, India*
Kunj Patel – *Vahelal, India*
Nicolas Rauwolf – *Madison, WI*
Rahul Ravi – *Oak Creek, WI*
Kyle Schinner – *Madison, WI*
Daxit Solanki – *New York, NY*
Anusha Yassabattu – *Madison, WI*
Ahila Adaikammal Yegappan –
Chennai, India

Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation

Elani Barber – *Branson, MO*
Lauren Blue – *Miami, FL*
Juan Cabrera, Jr. – *Newburgh, IN*
Victoria Chen – *Brookfield, WI*
Tess Durham – *Madison, WI*
Kian Feiner – *San Clemente, CA*
Shannon Finnigan – *San Francisco, CA*
R. Galen – *Newburgh, IN*
Emily Mendoza – *Fort Myers, FL*
Nicholas Panico – *Miller Place, NY*
Marlee Richardson – *North Little Rock, AR*
Shea Ruhly – *Middleton, WI*
Edward Shaughnessy – *Lake City, FL*
Lauren Sweezey – *Auburn, AL*
Kelsey Taylor – *Seattle, WA*

Graduate Certificates

Applied Drug Development

Katherine Naveken – *Toldeo, OH*
Tacyana Temple – *Raleigh, NC*

Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation

Abigail Bowring – *Houston, TX*
Melissa Cutts – *Frederick, MD*
William Hardin – *Eatonton, GA*
Timothy Hughes – *Tucson, AZ*
Gracie Jewett – *Morris, IL*
Zoe Talman – *Chicago, IL*
Young Min Yu –
Seongnam-Si, Republic of Korea



Hooding Program

- Procession -

- Dean's Welcome -

Steven M. Swanson, PhD

Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy

- Keynote Speaker -

Abhijit S. Gadkari, MS '06, PhD '09

Executive Director and Head, Health Economics & Outcomes
Research - Immunology & Neuroscience, Novartis

- Hooding & Recognition -

- Welcome to Alumnihood -

Julie C. Bartell, PharmD '06

Pharmacy Alumni Association President

- Graduate Speaker - MS -

Kelsey Taylor, MS Candidate

- Graduate Speaker - PhD -

Meng-Jung Wen, PhD Candidate

- Closing Remarks -

Faculty and Leadership

Arash Bashirullah, PhD

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Associate Dean for Research and
Graduate Education
Executive Director, Lachman Institute
for Pharmaceutical Development

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Regenerative Biology
Lowell and Gwendolyn Smythe
Endowed Professor
Director, UW-Madison Blood Cancer
Research Program

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Faculty Director, Small Molecule
Screening Facility

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Sciences
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Administrative Sciences
Director of Graduate Studies, Health
Services Research in Pharmacy
Graduate Program
Co-Director, Wisconsin Opioid
Overdose Response Center

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Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences

Lingjun Li, PhD

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Director of Graduate Studies,
Psychoactive Pharmaceutical
Investigation Master's Program
Co-Director, Wisconsin Opioid
Overdose Response Center

Lian Yu, PhD

Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences
and Chemistry

Dear Graduates,

It took a lot of hard work and dedication to be here today, so please accept my most heartfelt congratulations!

As of right now, you are all members of the Pharmacy Alumni Association (PAA), and I am delighted to be the first to welcome you! The PAA gives our alumni a place to get connected and stay connected with other alumni and the broader UW-Madison School of Pharmacy community. As you begin a new phase of life, today I encourage you to take some time to reflect and to be proud about all you have accomplished these past few years in school. We are excited to welcome you into the alumni base and we cannot wait to see the great things you will do!

Enjoy today and celebrate your achievements with your classmates, friends, and families. Congratulations again!

On, Wisconsin!

Julie Bartell, PharmD '06, Pharmacy Alumni Association President



Stay connected with the School!

You are joining a strong network of 8,000+ School of Pharmacy alumni.

To stay connected with fellow alumni and the School:

- ▶ Sign up for Badger Bridge, the social network just for Badgers at badgerbridge.com
- ▶ Read and submit a class note to **DiscoverRx**, the quarterly publication just for School of Pharmacy alumni
- ▶ Follow the School of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Alumni Association on Facebook @[UWMadPharm](https://www.facebook.com/UWMadPharm) and @[UWPharmacyAlumniAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/UWPharmacyAlumniAssociation)
- ▶ Stay in touch by updating your contact information at go.wisc.edu/updateinfo

We look forward to seeing how far you go!



Give the Gift of Legacy

Support your graduate and School of Pharmacy scholarships by purchasing a legacy brick. These commemorative bricks are a part of the Legacy Walk, located at the front entrance of Rennebohm Hall.

This is a special gift that will be cherished forever! Your \$150 tax deductible donation will help to build the School's legacy by supporting the Pharmacy Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

To purchase a Legacy Brick, please visit: go.wisc.edu/legacybrick

A Message from the Dean

Graduation is a wonderful celebration of completion and success, but truly represents more of a beginning than an end. Our students have persevered following the most challenging pandemic in modern history to graduate and take their place in the field of pharmacy.

Now, you are poised to enter the rewarding world of pharmacy as one of the outstanding members of the Class of 2025 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy. As practicing professionals, trained researchers, and educators in the pharmaceutical, social, and clinical sciences, graduates like you are the future of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences.

We look forward to the Class of 2025 continuing our traditions of excellence and innovation and to your new relationship with the School as alumni, professional colleagues, and lifelong friends.

Congratulations and continued success!

Steven M. Swanson, PhD
Dean and Professor
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