

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Class of 2026



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

Bailey Bell - *Traverse City, MI*
Avan Colah - *Clinton, IA*
Caroline Fatina - *Lincolnshire, IL*
Zhaomeng Feng - *Tianjin, China*
DaWon Kim - *Tokyo, Japan*
Gaoyuan Lu - *Lianyungang, China*
Feixuan Wu - *Wuhu, China*
Han Zhang - *Yantai, China*
Yuan Zhao - *Shuozhou, China*

Health Services Research in Pharmacy

Sura AlMahasis - *Jarash, Jordan*
Shiyong Mai - *Dongguan, China*
Stephanie Resendiz - *Zion, IL*

Master of Science Candidates

Applied Drug Development

Le An - *Shenyang, China*
Sakshi Balgi - *Madison, WI*
Ziyu Cheng - *Madison, WI*
Hongqing Guan - *Kunming, China*
Jewel Jose - *Madison, WI*
Sebastian Karns-Bingham - *Madison, WI*
Jacey Lee - *South Pasadena, CA*
Akanksha Manda - *Hyderabad, India*
Jordan Morrissey - *Wauwautosa, WI*
Smitha Narlea - *Mumbai, India*
Katherine Naveken - *Toledo, OH*
Nitin Nelluram - *Nellore, India*
Dhruvi Patel - *Madison, WI*
Anjana Thomas Pellissery - *Thrissur, India*
Ridham Shah - *Godhra, India*
Dhuruv Sriram - *Bangalore, India*
Sara Zandi - *Tehran, Iran*
Jayda Zhu - *Tomah, WI*

Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation

Isabel Bermudez - *Austin, TX*
Comet Cleary - *Madison, WI*
David Cox - *Anderson, IN*
Brian Crear - *Livingston, AL*
Marlon Delos Reyes - *Skokie, IL*
Beverly Fergus - *Stoughton, WI*
Cristian Gomez - *Bogota, Colombia*
William Hardin - *Eatonton, GA*
Dayna Harris - *Middleton, WI*
Aaron Lisle - *Willmar, MN*
Travus Maloney - *Hartland, WI*
Heather McComas - *Evanston, IL*
Thomas McCullough - *Flagstaff, AZ*
Sarah Minto-Sparks - *Boulder, CO*
Tessa Mullin - *Bradley, IL*
Natalia Ortega - *Rockton, IL*
Rana Sebak - *East Brunswick, NJ*
Dylan Schaefer - *Berkeley, CA*
Mary Sluder - *Fishers, IN*
Zoe Talman - *Chicago, IL*
Audrey Tharp - *Solana Beach, CA*
Maya Trivedi - *Madison, WI*
Alexandra Yokomizo - *Las Vegas, NV*

Graduate Certificates

Applied Drug Development

Casey Fischer - *Abrams, WI*

Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation

Martin Guerrero - *Phoenix, AZ*



Hooding Program

– **Procession** –

Dean's Welcome

Steven M. Swanson, PhD

Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy

Keynote Speaker

Samantha Tabone Rector, MS '23

General Partner at XEIA Venture Partners

– **Hooding & Recognition** –

Graduate Speaker - MS

Audrey Tharp, MS Candidate

Graduate Speaker - PhD

Sura AlMahasis, PhD Candidate

– **Closing Remarks** –

Faculty and Leadership

Tim S. Bugni, PhD

Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences Division
Laura and Edward Kremers Chair
in Natural Products Chemistry
Faculty Director, Small Molecule
Screening Facility

Eric C. Buxton, PhD

Professor and Chair, Division of Pharmacy
Professional Development
Director of Graduate Studies, Applied
Drug Development Master's Program

Michelle A. Chui, PharmD, PhD

Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor,
School of Nursing
Director, Institute for Clinical and
Translational Research,
Community and Collaborations Core

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Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical
Sciences Division
Assistant Dean for Graduate Education
Director of Graduate Studies,
Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate
Program

Seungpyo Hong, PhD

Professor and Milton H. Henrichs Chair
in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Director of Wisconsin Center for
NanoBio Systems

Lingjun Li, PhD

Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor
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Chemistry
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Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Innovation, and Research Division
William S. Apple Distinguished Chair

Lucas P. Richert, PhD

Professor, Clinical Practice, Innovation,
and Research Division
George Urdang Chair in the History
of Pharmacy

William A. Ricke, PhD

Professor and Director of Research,
Department of Urology, School of
Medicine and Public Health
Director, George M. O'Brien Center

Lindy K. Stoll, MS

Academic Director, Professional
Graduate Programs

Weiping Tang, PhD

Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor
Janis Apinis Professor in Pharmaceutical
Sciences
Director, Medicinal Chemistry Center

Cody J. Wenthur, PharmD, PhD

Associate Professor, Clinical Practice,
Innovation, and Research Division
Director of Graduate Studies,
Psychoactive Pharmaceutical
Investigation Master's Program
Co-Director, Wisconsin Opioid Overdose
Response Center

Lian Yu, PhD

Vilas Distinguished Achievement
Professor of Pharmaceutical
Sciences and Chemistry

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone and welcome to the alumni community. As pharmacy school graduates, you now join a community of professionals united by a shared commitment to patient care, innovation, and lifelong learning.

Our alumni association exists to connect alumni, students, and the broader School of Pharmacy community through professional engagement, recognition, social events, and philanthropy. Through networking opportunities and alumni events, we aim to keep you connected to classmates, colleagues, and the school that helped shape your journey. I encourage you to stay engaged, share your experiences, and take advantage of the many resources available to you. We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to celebrating your future successes as valued members of our alumni community.

Congratulations and, On, Wisconsin!

Jenny Tempelis, PharmD '03
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 \$250 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. Today's events honor an outstanding graduating class of students who have shown remarkable dedication to reach this important milestone to launch their careers.

Now, you are poised to enter the rewarding world of pharmacy as one of the outstanding members of the Class of 2026 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 2026 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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