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Grant Recipients Working to "Define the Future" of Psychiatric Pharmacy

The AAPP Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the *2026 Defining the Future* Research Grant Awards:

- **Juliana Freisen, PharmD, PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident, UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital**
  - **Project:** Identifying Opportunities to Optimize Insulin Regimens in a Psychiatric Hospital Through a Pharmacist-Led Intervention
  - **Co-Investigators:** Matthew Joseph, PharmD, BCPS; Andreea Temelie, PharmD, BCPP; Danforth Lincoln, MD
  - **Award Amount:** $1600

- **Shuvon Islam, PharmD Student, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey**
  - **Project:** Student-Led Psychiatric Pharmacy Journal Club Program and Pharmacy Student Perceptions of Literature Evaluation Skills
  - **Co-Investigators:** Nora Abdelfattah; Alexandra Bartoszek; Jaden He; Natalia Kalinowska; Aiden Renu; Ally Kim; Mahi Patel; Nandini Chittor; Oluwadarasimi Ajewole; Aaron Salwan, PharmD, MPH, BCPP; Daniel Greer, PharmD, BCPP; Caitlin McCoyd, PharmD, BCPP; Mei T. Liu, PharmD, BCPP; Danial Chowdhury, PharmD, BCPP; Maria Shelley, PharmD, BCPP
  - **Award Amount:** $1300

- **Roisin M. Sabol, PharmD, BCPP, Advanced Fellow in Addiction Treatment and Clinical Psychiatric Pharmacist, Addiction Medicine Services, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System and UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital**
  - **Project:** Impact of a Psychiatric Pharmacist-Led Telehealth Substance Use Disorder Transitions of Care Clinic
  - **Co-Investigator:** Tiffany Reid, PharmD
  - **Award Amount:** $1575

- **Leah "Alex" Surbaugh, PharmD, BCPP, Assistant Professor and Clinical Pharmacist, East Tennessee State University Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy**
  - **Project:** Patient-Reported Factors Associated With Long-Term Antidepressant Use
  - **Co-Investigator:** Karen Moeller, PharmD, BCPP, FAAPP
  - **Award Amount:** $5525

These recipients represent individuals and institutions who are advancing psychiatric pharmacy through creative, innovative, and informative work. We applaud their work and are proud to support them in their endeavors. Project results will be shared during poster sessions at the 2027 AAPP Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY.

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