

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
The Delbert D. Konnor Award of Excellence in Pharmaceutical Administration

What is the Konnor Award?

The Konnor Award is an award established by Delbert D. Konnor to encourage scholarly work in the field of pharmaceutical administration. This includes research in pharmacy practice, marketing, management, pharmacoeconomics, health outcomes, social-behavioral pharmacy, accounting, and pharmacy law. The award will be given every other year, starting in 2025.

What is considered pharmaceutical administration for this award?

Pharmaceutical administration can include a broad number of topics. The award is intended to include research in areas such as pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical marketing, pharmacy management, pharmacoeconomics, health outcomes, social- behavioral pharmacy, accounting, and pharmacy law. Questions on appropriate research scope alignment can be submitted to the PLEI Executive Director for clarification and review prior to submission of an application.

Who is eligible for the Konnor Award?

Eligibility is open to:

- Dues-paying or Life Members in good standing of the Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity, AND
- Students enrolled in a PharmD curriculum, OR
- Pharmacists in academic programs leading to a graduate degree, OR
- Recent graduates (e.g., pharmacy residents and fellows).

When does the application process start?

Starting in 2025, applications will open every other year. PLEI will notify members of Phi Delta Chi in November, with applications due in April of the following year (exact dates will be announced annually and posted at www.plei.org/konnor).

What should the application include?

Applications must include:

- Name and CV or resume of the applicant.
- Contact information and academic status.
- A 10-page maximum project description, covering:
 - Tentative project title.
 - Background or rationale; applicable mentor(s) and their biosketch.
 - Research questions or hypotheses.
 - Research methods.
 - Work plan and timeline.
 - Budget (excluding institutional overhead or mentor salary).
 - Research references.

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When is the award decision made?

Applications will be due in April of each year (exact dates will be announced annually and posted at www.plei.org/konnor). Award decisions will be made by June 15, and research is expected to begin by September 1. Most projects are expected to take 18-24 months, with a maximum of 4 years to complete.

How are applications evaluated?

Applications will be judged based on:

- The contribution of the research to the advancement of science and society.
- Feasibility of the project within the allotted time.

How is the selection process conducted?

A Selection Committee, composed of at least four members (including pharmacy faculty and PDC/PLEI leaders), will evaluate applications. The Chair of the PLEI Board will mitigate conflicts of interest. The PLEI Executive Director will serve as a non-voting member.

How often is the award given?

The award will be given every other year at the Grand Council meeting, starting in 2025.

What are the post-award deliverables?

Awardees must:

- Comply with research regulations (e.g., IRB approval).
- Complete the research within 4 years.
- Submit results for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Present findings at Phi Delta Chi's Grand Council.

How are the award funds disbursed?

- The initial disbursement of \$2,500 is made after selection.
- Up to \$2,000 more can be requested during the research with PLEI approval.
- The final amount is disbursed after the manuscript submission to a peer-reviewed journal, bringing the total award to \$5,000.

What is the name and contact information for getting more information? Can applicants reach out to ask other questions?

The PLEI application will have a link to email the PLEI Executive Director who is available to answer questions or clarify answers. Emails will be responded to within two business days. Applicants should not wait until the deadline to seek information.

Who was Delbert D. Konnor?

Delbert D. Konnor was a registered pharmacist and an expert in pharmaceutical administration. His career spanned roles in pharmacy law, the DEA, AARP, and pharmaceutical consulting. He established the Konnor Award to support research in pharmaceutical administration and help Phi Delta Chi fraternity members advance in the field.