The NCPA Executive Residency is an incredible experience in associations. The resident is an integrated part of the Innovation Center and has opportunities to learn about program development, practice transformation, community pharmacy industry, and plenty of networking. During my time as the executive resident I worked on immunization programs, pharmacy access, student engagement, planning education events, and got involved with NCPA’s advocacy team. Being a part of furthering independent pharmacy and planning for the industry’s future has been an invaluable experience that I would recommend to anyone looking to get involved and make a difference in the profession.

– Jessica Satterfield, 2021-2022 NCPA Executive Resident
Some pharmacists are different. They prefer innovation, challenges, and big-picture thinking. They’re thought leaders and pioneers, and they want to make sure pharmacists have a seat at the table in a rapidly changing health care environment. They value collaboration, and they understand the importance of a collective voice.

Sound like you? Then consider applying to the NCPA Executive Residency Program.

There’s strength in community
At NCPA, we’re about building a community. As America’s community pharmacy association, we bring pharmacists together to shape good ideas into best practices and to turn challenges into innovations. We’re also a community that speaks as one on issues that impact the future of community pharmacy. We have a track record of advocacy successes that demonstrates the power of our collective voice.

As community-based health care professionals and entrepreneurs, independent pharmacists are uniquely positioned to customize solutions to health care challenges affecting local communities and employers. At NCPA, we deliver advocacy, connections, and solutions to help independent pharmacists thrive.

Advocacy
From advocating for pharmacists’ ability to practice to the full extent of our training to combatting unfair PBM practices, NCPA works to protect our members and advance the profession. The executive resident has the opportunity to work with the NCPA Advocacy Center team on legislative and regulatory issues affecting community pharmacy practice.

Connections
You can’t have true community without connections. By working with the Policy and Pharmacy Affairs and Membership departments, the executive resident helps our members connect with each other and with leaders throughout the health care sector. Those connections also give the executive resident the opportunity to network with pharmacy and health care thought leaders nationwide.

Solutions
At NCPA, we strive to prepare our members to be leaders in determining health care solutions. The NCPA Innovation Center develops and executes programs that inform and educate community pharmacists, allowing them to realize new opportunities in an evolving health care market. Throughout the year, the executive resident works with the NCPA Innovation Center to research and support new and expanded roles for community pharmacists.

The details
The NCPA Executive Residency Program began in 2001, and our alumni can be found working in national and state associations, academic institutions, community pharmacies, consulting businesses, and government offices. The executive resident works at NCPA headquarters in historic Old Town Alexandria, Va., for a one-year term beginning each summer. They earn a competitive annual stipend and receive relocation assistance, paid time off, and a full benefits package.

For more information, contact Hannah Fish, PharmD, CPHQ, Director of Strategic Initiatives at hannah.fish@ncpa.org.

Applications are due by Dec. 31 and are available at ncpa.org/resident

The NCPA Executive Residency allowed me the opportunity to invest in the future of community pharmacy through new innovative practices. Equipping pharmacists with the tools to practice at the top of their license sustainably and impact patient care in their neighborhoods was extremely rewarding. It was exciting to see our nation turn to our community pharmacies for services like delivery, immunizations, and point-of-care testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. This residency further developed my skill set in communication, leadership, enhanced service implementation, and ownership; while deepening my passion for community pharmacy.

– Erin Broadhead, 2020-2021 NCPA Executive Resident