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Dear Potential Applicant:

The UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers graduate programs leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pharmaceutical Sciences with concentrations in four distinct disciplines. It is my pleasure to provide an overview of the **Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics (DPET)** graduate program on behalf of my student and faculty colleagues. The mission of DPET is to optimize drug therapy through the generation, integration and translation of scientific information between the bench and the bedside, the patient and the population. We will accomplish this by initiating and conducting research and scholarly activities, and developing clinician scientists that generate, integrate and disseminate new knowledge to optimize drug therapy and improve health outcomes for the benefit of patients and society. The DPET graduate program is critical to fulfilling this mission by engaging students in innovative translational research.

The concentration area in Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics was developed with two curricular tracks based on previous experience of the applicant: clinician (Pharm.D., M.D., or equivalent) or non-clinician. It is our belief that the clinical track of the DPET program provides the optimal training for students who seek to pursue an academic career. However, we also recognize the need to educate highly motivated, exceptionally qualified students lacking previous clinical training. The non-clinician curricular track exists to meet this need. Both tracks play a critical part in our mission to educate and develop clinical scientists, and graduates from both tracks have enjoyed an outstanding employment rate in both academia and the pharmaceutical industry. Areas of graduate coursework and research include drug metabolism and transport, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics/pharmacometrics, pharmacogenomics, clinical research, experimental therapeutics, and mechanisms of drug toxicity. These are applied to therapeutic areas including cardiovascular disease, hepatology/gastroenterology/transplant, infectious disease/HIV, oncology/hematology, and pulmonary disease. You may review the research interests of DPET faculty and learn more about our curriculum by consulting our [division's web page \(www.pharmacy.unc.edu/dpet\)](http://www.pharmacy.unc.edu/dpet).

All students admitted to the DPET graduate program at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy receive **an annual stipend of \$23,000**, as of 2011, in the form of either a teaching assistantship (TA) or research assistantship (RA). Graduate students with a prior clinical degree (Pharm.D., M.D., or equivalent) are expected to complete the program's clinical experience requirement, and are eligible to receive an additional \$5,000 per year stipend supplement. Students do not pay tuition. Approximately \$900 in student fees will be covered by the School each semester, pending the availability of funds. Outstanding applicants may be eligible for a wide range of **merit-based University fellowships**. We strongly encourage applicants to apply **by December 15** to be considered for all merit-based UNC Graduate School fellowships. The UNC Graduate School **online application** for admission is the preferred means of submitting your application. You may complete the on-line application, or download the application forms by visiting the [UNC Graduate School web site \(gradschool.unc.edu\)](http://gradschool.unc.edu). International applications require a **Financial Certificate** ([http://gradschool.unc.edu/applicant\\_intl.html#fincert](http://gradschool.unc.edu/applicant_intl.html#fincert)) to be considered complete.

Thank you for your interest in our program and we welcome your application,

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