

# PURSuing AN INDUSTRY FELLOWSHIP: PREPARING FOR, INTERVIEWING FOR, AND SECURING A POST-PHARMD FELLOWSHIP

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Kimberly obtained her Doctorate of Pharmacy from University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 2016. Early in her educational career, she knew that she wanted to pursue a career in industry. To best help her prepare for her future career, Kimberly founded the University of Rhode Island Chapter of Industry Pharmacists' Organization (IPhO) where she served as president. Additionally, she worked as an intern for IPhO and as the National Student Leader of Chapter Management where she mentored other students.

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James is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy. Jim was one of the first PharmDs ever to complete the Rutgers Fellowship Program. He enjoyed a 15-year career in the pharmaceutical industry and rose to the level of Vice President, Corporate Development and Licensing for Pfizer and Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis before moving to academia to become the first Director of the Rutgers Institute for Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships. During this professionally rewarding 10-year period of his industry-focused career, he was responsible for the administration of the premier Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program for pharmacists and trained and mentored more than 400 PharmDs who are now working widely throughout the pharmaceutical/biopharma industry. Dr. Alexander is currently Executive Vice President at Strawn Arnold & Associates, a leading executive search firm.

Dr. Alexander is a strong advocate for the role that pharmacists can play in the pharmaceutical industry. In his role as Founder and Executive Director of IPhO, the first professional organization designed exclusively for industry-based pharmacists, Jim brings his distinguished experience in advocacy and professional development to support the professional careers of the growing number of industry-based pharmacists.