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The Rho Chi Society University of Michigan College of Pharmacy 428 Church Street Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1065

Dear Rho Chi Executive Council,

We are writing to express our sincere desire to establish a Rho Chi chapter here at Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Hillsboro, Oregon. As you review our petition, you will discover that our school maintains a rigorous academic standard and embodies the ideals of Rho Chi. We apply to you now because the school recently adopted a new curriculum and changed to GPA-based grading, making it easier to quantify our students' academic success.

The Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society has promoted intellectual achievement and the advancement of the field of pharmacy for over a century. As dedicated pharmacy students at Pacific University, we wholeheartedly submit this petition so we may share in that goal. You will find that the students of this school are well prepared to uphold the mission and vision of Rho Chi. Due to the accelerated nature of Pacific University's 3-year pharmacy degree program, it attracts driven, intelligent, and dedicated students. In addition to the 3-year program, the school recently launched a 5-year pathway that upholds the same standards of academic and ethical integrity with a schedule that accommodates a near-full-time job or family care responsibilities. The students in this new pathway demonstrate the same commitment to the profession while balancing their other responsibilities. The addition of a Rho Chi chapter at this school would foster our continued professional and academic growth as students and as pharmacists, strengthening the profession.

Thank you for considering this petition for a new chapter of Rho Chi. You will find all of the necessary documents outlining the history of the university and school of pharmacy, a description of the curriculum, how eligibility will be determined, a list of honor societies, a list of each faculty member and their credentials, a list of Rho Chi members within the faculty, a list of all petitioners and their signatures, a letter of recommendation from the dean of the Pacific University School of Pharmacy, and the contact information for the future advisors.

Below are the signatures of the qualified and enthusiastic students pledging their commitment to establishing a Rho Chi chapter, and who look forward to contributing to the legacy of excellence this organization upholds.

Sincerely,

The petitioning students at Pacific University School of Pharmacy

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To whom it may concern:

it is my great honor to provide this letter of recommendation in support of our petition as Pacific University's School of Pharmacy to establish a new Chapter for the Rho Chi Pharmacy Academic Honor Society.

As a Rho Chi member myself, I am very excited about this opportunity for our School of Pharmacy, students and faculty to establish this chapter recognizing academic and intellectual achievements, inquiry and advancement of the profession of pharmacy and intellectual leaders. Our recent curricular changes and launch of our new PharmD curriculum and move from past/fail grading to letter grades enables.us to establish this chapter with our current students and meet necessary number of petitioners to establish the Society Chapter.

I am happy to confirm that the School is fully ACPE-accredited and also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). The list of our eligible petitioners accompanying this application have met the requirements set forth in Article III: Members of the 2010 Revision of the National Bylaws of The Rho Chi Society and attests that the petitioners have no known disciplinary action for academic reasons or for unprofessional conduct.

I fully support the efforts of our faculty and students in this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of our petition.

Sincerely,

Marketa Marvanova, PharmD, PhD, BCGP, BCPP, FASCP

Dean and Professor

Pacific University School of Pharmacy

