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UC college awards most scholarships ever as donations surge

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The University of Cincinnati's Winkle College of Pharmacy awarded the most scholarships ever for the academic year that began this week.

Eighty students applied for such assistance, and the college awarded 15 scholarships valued at a total of \$147,000 for the 2019-20 academic year, said Kelly Epplen, associate dean of admissions for the college.

Scholarships vary from one-time awards to recurring distributions, depending on factors such as grade-point average, and range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year.

The college also considered factors such as need, leadership, diversity and service in determining which pharmacy students were awarded scholarships.

The increase in scholarships was directly related to growth in the generosity of donors, said Brian Hurst, development director of the college.

Over the past five years, the college has seen a substantial increase in both the number of endowments and the total value, Hurst said. Since 2013, the value of the



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The University of Cincinnati's Winkle College of Pharmacy is based in Kowalewski Hall in Corryville.

pharmacy college's endowments has increased from \$10.7 million to the current \$12.5 million.

"Nearly a \$2 million increase in five years for a small college is very remarkable and says a lot about the importance our donors place on making a pharmacy education financially attainable for our students," Hurst said.

UC has a 4% cap on how much money can be withdrawn from an endowment, so some scholarship money has to come from general funds, such as the dean's discretionary fund.

A new streamlined scholarship application process resulted in a record number of scholarship applicants, according to the Winkle College of Pharmacy.

"Students were permitted to apply for as few or as many scholarships as they liked if they believed they met the scholarship criteria," said Epplen, the associate dean of admissions.

The applications were then scored, ranked and discussed by scholarship committee members.

Of the 15 scholarships awarded, two went to incoming students and 13 were given to those who were already students at the college.

Prince Ampem of Toledo was awarded \$5,000 per academic year from the Koffenberger Scholarship, which is one of the two scholarships available to first-year students at the college. One Koffenberger scholarship is awarded annually to an incoming student who is an Ohio resident and has demonstrated academic excellence and potential for future scholarship.

The other scholarship available to first-year students is named for Gayle Hoblitzell. First-year student Grace Phan of Cincinnati was awarded \$1,500 from that fund.

The cost per credit hour to attend the UC pharmacy school for the 2019-20 academic year is \$1,221 for full-time Ohio residents, \$1,461 for the Metropolitan rate and \$1,867 for full-time, non-Ohio residents (including all fees).

Winkle College of Pharmacy tuition is the fifth-lowest of the seven pharmacy schools in Ohio, according to UC.

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