

## Our Programs

To help us achieve our mission, we are focusing on programs in two major areas:

- **Learning Partnerships.** The most significant program is the Learning Partnership Program. This fellowship or sabbatical program has been designed to provide funding for mid-career librarians or information scientists to spend a year in the environment of their clients, working to identify with and further the goals of the medical, pharmaceutical and/or health care hosts.
- **Stipends.** The more expedient program reaching a greater number of librarian/information specialists in terms of total individual impact is the Stipend Project to provide funds for these individuals to attend the national professional meetings of their clients. The initial fund President, Winifred Sewell, had already had years of experience with these activities through supplying stipends to librarian attendees at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy meetings and providing such stipends to librarians / information specialists for attendance at the American Public Health Association annual meeting.

## Learning Partnerships

The purpose of the Learning Partnerships is to place experienced librarians within leading health care or research organizations in order for both partners to gain a better understanding of how best information sciences can be effectively applied in each environment. The Fund believes that this experience will facilitate a bridging of cultures resulting in a more creative and effective application of information science in the health care arena. The Sewell Fund support covers salary and incidental expenses for these twelve-month Learning Partnership fellowships.

Eight eminent health organizations, based in Washington state, Maryland, Texas, Buffalo, Indianapolis and Washington, DC have been selected for the Sewell Learning Partnerships, two in 2013-2014, two in 2010-2011, two in 2007/2008, and two in 2005/2006. These host organizations are leaders in health-related research, direct care, and public health programming. Not only did they provide a dynamic, cutting edge environment in which to learn and contribute, but they also each benefited significantly from the placement of a skilled and well-educated librarian.

To read about the successful past Learning Partnerships, please visit the Learning Partnerships page on [www.sewellfund.org](http://www.sewellfund.org).

***"Wonderful program. There are not enough such immersion opportunities for librarians. "***

***– Neil Rambo  
UW Health Sciences Libraries***

## Stipends

The Stipend Program provides for librarians and information specialists to attend the national professional meetings of their clients.

The first distribution of stipends from the fund took place in November 2001, and have continued annually. Stipends were awarded to attend AACP (American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy) and APHA (American Public Health Association) national meetings.

Applications for the stipends are handled by the Libraries / Educational Resources Section of the AACP for their annual meeting and the Public Health / Health Administration Section of the Medical Library Association (MLA) for the APHA annual meeting. For more information, please visit [www.sewellfund.org](http://www.sewellfund.org).

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## Our Mission

*The goal of The Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund, Inc. is to increase librarians' identification with medical, pharmaceutical, and health care professionals. Medicine for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century underlines the key role of information resources in raising the quality of health care.<sup>(1)</sup> Librarians experienced in managing knowledge and teaching informatics can supply quality information by becoming ongoing members of the health care team. Immersion in the health care environment is necessary for librarians to understand how health care professionals solve problems individually and through consensus.*

(1) Institute of Medicine. *Crossing the quality chasm: a new health system for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.* [Web document]. Washington, DC; National Academy Press, 2001.

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Dr. Winifred Sewell (b. 1917 - d. 2002) established the Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund in 2001.



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