Medicinal Chemistry Faculty Rated No. 1 in Productivity

The College of Pharmacy’s Department of Medicinal Chemistry has the most productive faculty among all U.S. pharmaceutical sciences programs, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and Academic Analytics in their 2007 Top Research Universities Faculty Scholarly Index.

In their most recent rankings of pharmaceutical sciences programs for faculty productivity, the two organizations ranked the U of U medicinal chemistry faculty No. 1 in the nation. The index used five factors to measure faculty productivity: books published; journal publications; citations of journal articles; total of federal grant dollars awarded; and honors and awards.

College of Pharmacy Dean John W. Mauger, Ph.D., said being ranked No. 1 is especially gratifying because this independent review evaluates pharmacy programs for academic excellence.

“The Department of Medicinal Chemistry at the U is recognized for its longstanding international drug discovery programs, a top-ranked graduate program, excellence in teaching, and contributions to the state economy by translating scientific findings into new medicines and medical technologies,” Mauger said. “This prestigious ranking is an independent measure of academic excellence that demonstrates the exceptional productivity of medicinal chemistry faculty at the U in a very competitive field.”
Two faculty members in the department, Chris M. Ireland, Ph.D., professor and chair of medicinal chemistry, and Glenn D. Prestwich, Ph.D., presidential professor of medicinal chemistry, have received the Governor’s Medal for Science and Technology.

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