The Visiting Scientist Fellowship is an esteemed pharmaceutical industry-based program, which has developed highly competitive and marketable industry professionals since 1994. A deeply involved, influential, and passionate network of more than 175 alumni across the pharmaceutical industry are contributing to the development of the next generation of medicines to improve patient lives.

Designed to train professionals for a career in the pharmaceutical industry, the fellowship offers a wide array of dynamic and challenging positions, while creating an environment that fosters personal and professional development. This one-year post graduate program presents PharmD, MD and relevant PhD or Master’s degree graduates with cross-functional exposure to clinical development, commercial, medical, project management and regulatory aspects of drug development. Fellows directly impact the business at Eli Lilly and Company to speed innovation while developing valuable and lifelong career skills.
Eli Lilly and Company

Eli Lilly and Company is one of the largest global, research-based pharmaceutical companies in the world. Lilly is committed to making medicines that help people live longer, healthier, more active lives.

Focused on the core therapeutic areas of diabetes, immunology, oncology, neuroscience and pain, approximately 33,000 Lilly employees keep patients and health care providers at the heart of every aspect of their business. Marketing products in 120 countries, Lilly strives to develop innovative medicines at lower costs and faster speeds.

Headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, Lilly provides a diverse and inclusive work environment and offers a variety of activities, support and research groups and resource groups for employees with common interests or similar experiences. Lilly is honored to be consistently ranked as one of the best companies in the world to work for and was recently recognized by DiversityInc as one of the top 5 most diverse and inclusive companies. Generations of Lilly employees have sustained a culture that values excellence, integrity and respect for people.

Current Visiting Scientist Fellows

Chelsea Sumner, PharmD, Pharmaceutical Project Management, University of North Carolina

Dominic Fanara, PharmD, MBA, Managed Health Services, Butler University

Dwayne Daniel Jr, PharmD, Clinical Trial Project Management, Florida A&M University

Eric Wolf, PhD, Clinical Research Scientist, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis

Hiwot Abebe, PharmD, Clinical Information/Process Automation, Concordia University – Wisconsin

Jennifer Oh, PharmD, Pricing Reimbursement & Access, New Product Planning, University of Washington

Karli Gunn, PharmD, Medical Information, Drake University

Kayonda Bayo, PharmD, Global Patient Outcomes & Real World Evidence, Howard University

Kevin Meyer, PharmD, Clinical Design Hub, University of Illinois at Chicago

Mary Nwokedi, PharmD, Global Regulatory Policy and Intelligence, Howard University

Naomi Do, PharmD, Clinical Trial Project Management, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Nick Kelley, PharmD, Clinical Trial Commercial Product Operations, Butler University

Riley Kim, PharmD, Global Medical Digital Strategy and Capabilities, University of North Carolina

Rupali Patel, PharmD, US Regulatory Advertising and Promotion, University of Illinois at Chicago

Ryan Frazier, PharmD, Global Public Policy, Howard University

Sarah Ross, PharmD, Global Operations Labeling Department, The Ohio State University

Savannah Scardo, PharmD, Clinical Research Scientist, Medical University of South Carolina

Seth Anderson, PharmD, MS, Global Patient Outcomes & Real World Evidence, University of Arizona

Shyam Desai, PharmD, Clinical Research Scientist, University of Illinois at Chicago

Uche Mordi, PharmD, Global Patient Outcomes & Real World Evidence, University of California – San Francisco

“"The Visiting Scientist Fellowship program provided me with the opportunity to learn about drug development and regulatory science through experiential learning. The program provides value by giving fellows the opportunity to take on meaningful projects, receive dedicated training, and form a committed work group to spark innovative ideas. I have found significant value in the program as it shaped my career aspirations as a pharmacist and as a scientist.”

Elizabeth Bearby
Vice President, Portfolio and Project Management, 1996-97 Visiting Scientist, Regulatory Affairs
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state support materials related to Lilly products in development
and on the market. Fellows also have the opportunity to collect
and analyze customer insights and generate evidence to support
launch and post-launch deliverables.
Medical Affairs / Health Outcomes
Medical affairs and health outcomes fellows support the launch of
important new medicines through cross-functional collaboration
and evidence generation. Fellows work in partnership with clinical
trials, marketing, patient safety, medical information, scientific
communications, regulatory, and advocacy to support the creation,
development, approval, and execution of clinical trial and disease
state support materials related to Lilly products in development
and on the market. Fellows also have the opportunity to collect
and analyze customer insights and generate evidence to support
launch and post-launch deliverables.
Regulatory
Regulatory affairs (RA) fellows act as the interface between the
pharmaceutical industry and the drug regulatory authorities
around the world. RA is involved in every stage of development and
commercialization. Fellowship positions may exist in various areas
of RA including labeling, policy and intelligence, and advertising/
promotion. Fellows will have the opportunity to influence regulatory
strategies for products as well as regulatory science initiatives globally.
Why the VSF?
» Highly competitive stipend
» Full suite of Lilly employee benefits including: relocation
assistance, vacation and company holidays, 401(k), medical,
dental, and life insurance, as well as access to all employee
activities and groups
» Optimal balance of professional and personal development
• 70% Employee time creating department-based deliverables
• 30% Career development through cross-functional learning,
leadership activities, and networking opportunities
» Specialized coaching and mentoring allow the VSF program to
retain more than 75% of fellows
» Indianapolis is a big city with a small-town feel and has a
dynamic sports scene, a cost of living 7.6% below the national
average and attractions for all ages

Visiting Scientist Concentrations
Visiting Scientist Fellows have found successful and rewarding
careers in a multitude of functional areas across pharmaceutical
development and commercialization. Traditionally, the
fellowship recruits within 5 core functions: clinical development,
commercial, medical, project management and regulatory. VSF
fellows are responsible for impactful deliverables; therefore, exact
positions for the 2020-2021 VSF class will be determined strictly
based on business needs and will be announced by late-October.
To learn more about Lilly and the available positions please visit
https://careers.lilly.com/visiting-scientist and register to attend
our webinar series:
» Leadership led webinars: October 2 at 7pm EDT &
   October 8 at 7pm EDT
» Fellow led webinars: October 17 at 7pm EDT &
   October 30 at 9pm EDT

Clinical Development
Clinical development fellows work cross-functionally in the
planning of clinical programs through use of rich data sources,
targeted innovation and expertise in functional trial delivery.
Fellows work across therapeutic areas to optimize study designs
by connecting asset teams to new capabilities to improve patient/
site experience, trial achievability, and overall business processes.

Visiting Scientist Leadership
Stacy Holdsworth, PharmD,
VSF 1998-1999
Senior Advisor,
Regulatory Policy and Strategy,
Executive Sponsor
Jason Singer, PharmD,
FACEHP, CCMEP,
VSF 2003-2004,
Manager,
Global Medical Information,
Oncology
Program Coordinator
Jillian Venci Fuhs,
PharmD, JD,
VSF 2012-2013
Consultant,
Global Regulatory Affairs-
North America,
Pain
John J. Kaiser, PharmD,
VSF 2011-2012
Advisor,
Global Regulatory Affairs-
North America,
Diabetes
Kyle Frantz, PharmD,
VSF 2016-2017
Consultant,
Internal Medical Science Liaison
Maria Alejandra Camargo,
PharmD,
VSF 2015-2016
Consultant,
Global Payer Marketing and Pricing

Commercial
The Commercial fellows merge clinical skills with business
acumen and economics. It requires vision and execution of
best-in-class methodologies for the rapidly changing customer
landscape. Fellows will provide knowledge and experience on
customer insights, optimization of clinical trial design, pricing and
access, contracting/distribution strategies, development of policy
positions, and product selection strategy and tactics.

Project Management
The Project management fellows lead cross-functional teams by
maintaining a clear focus on the overall scope, budget and timeline
of a project in order to deliver high quality products. Within the
pharmaceutical industry this occurs by translating a clinical
development strategy into the creation and execution of a credible
non-clinical and clinical project plan with a goal of delivering timely
and differentiated medicines to patients. Fellows are encouraged
to gather a deep comprehension of the drug development process
through proactive leadership and relationship building.
Application Process

Acceptance into the Visiting Scientist Fellowship (VSF) is highly competitive. In addition to outstanding scholastic achievements, qualified candidates must demonstrate exceptional communication and leadership capabilities.

Minimum Requirements: PharmD, MD, or relevant PhD or Master’s degree completed by June 2020. Qualified candidates must be legally authorized to be employed in the United States at the time of application.

Please visit https://careers.lilly.com/visiting-scientist to find the most up to date information regarding the program, positions offered and to register for a webinar session.

Additional questions: Contact the leadership team, at VSF@lilly.com

Why Lilly?

» DISCOVER: Align with our purpose of uniting caring with discovery to create medicines that make life better for people around the world.

» GROW: Opportunities to grow personally and professionally to unleash your potential.

» CONNECT: Connect with your community—in Indianapolis and around the world.

» CARE: Be able to deliver your best with programs to support wherever you are in your life and career journey to help you be the best you.

» BELONG: Be a part of TEAM LILLY where we actively cultivate a culture of teamwork and inclusion—so everyone can bring their authentic self and diverse ideas, perspectives and experiences in pursuit of our purpose.

PharmD Application Checklist:

☐ Submit CV with a cover letter, and request a screening interview via Personnel Placement Service (PPS).

» Cover letter must specify and rank the role(s) you are interested in and be a maximum of one page.

» Communications may go through PPS, email or telephone number provided on the CV. Ensure this information is up to date.

* PPS portal opens October 22, 2019

☐ Qualified applicants will be selected for screening interviews at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition, December 8–11, 2019 in Las Vegas, NV.

» Applicants should plan for recruitment activities from December 8 –11, 2019.

MD and relevant PhD, Master’s Application Checklist:

☐ Submit CV with cover letter, that specifies and ranks the role(s) you are interested in, beginning November 2019 at https://careers.lilly.com.

☐ Qualified applicants will be contacted directly by Lilly for a screening telephone interview.

All Qualified Applicants:

☐ Candidates selected from the screening interviews will participate in onsite interviews at Lilly’s global headquarters in Indianapolis, IN starting January 2020.

» Candidates will be required to give a 20-25 minute presentation on a topic of their choice.

☐ Final Fellow selections will be completed by February 2020.

☐ The start date for the 2020-2021 Visiting Scientist Fellowship will be between June and July 2020.

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