The Visiting Scientist Fellowship is a highly respected pharmaceutical industry-based program, which has developed 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 40,000 Lilly employees keep patient 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 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

Aleksandra Djuricic, PharmD
Global Medical Information
Butler University

Anthony Suaverdez, PharmD
Decentralized Trial Capabilities
Medical College of Wisconsin

Arrin Kontos, PharmD
Global Medical Affairs, Oncology
University of Michigan

Ashley Mercier, PharmD
Global Public Policy
Mercer University

Carlos Diaz, PharmD
US Medical Affairs, Immunology
University of Florida

Chloe Sandman, PharmD
Clinical Trial Project Management
Butler University

David Schapiro, PharmD
Global Patient Outcomes & Real World Evidence
University of Michigan

Folu Ogunlari, PharmD
Clinical Trial Commercial Product Sourcing & Regulatory Strategy
University of Illinois at Chicago

Gaurangi (Gigi) Trivedi, PharmD
Global Medical Digital Strategy & Capabilities
Wayne State University

Hafeez Adewusi, PharmD
Global Health Outcomes Liaison
University of Houston

Hershil Kachrani, PharmD
Global Labeling Department
University of New England

Michael Grim, PharmD, MBA
Global Pricing, Reimbursement and Access, New Product Planning
Butler University

Natalie Ake, PharmD, MBA
US Regulatory Policy and Global Regulatory Intelligence
Drake University

Patrick McFadden, PharmD, MBA
Pharmaceutical Project Management
The University of Iowa

Samantha Karabinas, PharmD
US Regulatory Intelligence
Touro College of Pharmacy

Stephanie Reeve, MSN, RN
Clinical Design Hub
Western Governor’s University
Visiting Scientist Fellows have found successful and rewarding careers in a multitude of functional areas across pharmaceutical drug development and commercialization. Traditionally, the fellowship recruits within five core functions: clinical development, commercial, medical, project management and regulatory. VSF fellows are responsible for impactful deliverables; therefore, the exact positions for the 2022-2023 VSF class will be determined strictly based on business needs and will be announced by late-September. To learn more about Lilly and the fellowship program please visit https://careers.lilly.com/visiting-scientist and register to attend our webinar series:

» Fellow and Leadership led webinars are scheduled for the following days and times:
  • Leadership session discussing the application & interview process: Tuesday Sept 14th at 7:00 PM EST
  • Fellow session discussing various positions & fellowship experience: Thursday Sept 30th at 7:00 PM EST
» An updated position brochure with specific position descriptions will be available later this fall.

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.

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 development, marketing, patient safety, medical information, scientific communications, regulatory and advocacy to support the creation, development, approval and execution of clinical development 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 fellows directly impact pharmaceutical product labeling, policy and intelligence initiatives, or advertising and promotion regulatory functions. Projects may encompass development and maintenance of core product labeling, assessment of promotional materials, partnering with global regulators for efficient regulatory requirements and/or engagement with trade organizations for policy initiatives. Regulatory affairs is involved in every stage of commercialization. Fellows will have the opportunity to understand and influence regulatory strategy for products in all phases of development and regulatory science initiatives globally.

Commercial

The Commercial fellows merge clinical skills with business acumen and economics. This role 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.

“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

Visiting Scientist Leadership

David Riggs, PharmD
VSF 2000–2001
Senior Director Regulatory Advertising and Promotion, North America
Executive Sponsor

Jason Singer, PharmD
VSF 2003-2004
Manager, Global Medical Information, Oncology/Immunology Program Coordinator

John J. Kaiser, PharmD
VSF 2011-2012
Advisor, Global Regulatory Affairs, North America

Jillian Venci Fuhs, PharmD, JD
VSF 2012–2013
Advisor, Global Regulatory Affairs, North America

Maria Alejandra Camargo, PharmD
VSF 2015–2016
Consultant, Customer Support Programs, Digital Solutions
Application Process

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

Minimum Requirements: PharmD, MD, or relevant PhD or Master’s degree completed by June 2022, but not before 2019. 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

Application Checklist:

☐ Answer all questions and submit a “Request a Screening Interview” form (will be available on VSF website by September 20, 2021).

☐ Submit CV/resume as a PDF with the form.

☐ Qualified candidates will be contacted via email to schedule a screening interview and will receive directions for submitting a formal application.

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

All Qualified Applicants:

☐ Candidates selected from the screening interviews will participate in 2-day onsite interviews between 29 November–03 December.

  » Candidates will be required to give a 20-25 min presentation with 5-10 minutes for Q&A on a topic of their choice.

☐ Final Fellow selections will be completed by early-December 2021.

☐ The start date for the 2022-2023 Visiting Scientist Fellowship will be between June and July 2022.

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.

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