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**One-Year Fellowship
U.S. Medical Affairs**

2023-2024 Visiting Scientist Fellowship Program

PhD Application Brochure



About AbbVie

AbbVie is a global, research-driven biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative, advanced therapies for some of the world's most complex and critical conditions. **The company's mission is to discover and deliver best-in-class medicines and products that solve serious health issues and enhance people's lives today while addressing the medical challenges of tomorrow.** With our medicines annually benefiting more than 57 million people across 175 countries, AbbVie employees are working every day to advance health solutions for people around the world.

Our approximately 48,000 employees are scientists, researchers, communicators, manufacturing specialists and regulatory experts. Together, as a cross-functional team operating on a global scale, we come up with new approaches to addressing today's health issues—from life-threatening illness to chronic conditions.

We target specific, difficult-to-cure diseases where we can leverage our core R&D expertise to advance science. We're constantly working to create solutions that go beyond treating the illness to have a positive impact on patients' lives, on societies—and on science itself. At AbbVie, we see a future full of possibility.

Additionally, Forbes recently named AbbVie as one of 2022's best employers for new graduates!

Fellowship Mission

Our mission is to empower our medical affairs fellows to realize their full potential while making an impact on patients' lives. We aim to equip our fellows with the necessary skills to become industry professionals by providing them with the tools to set clear strategic goals, guide innovation, think critically, and team build. Our focus on professional development will support the ability of our fellows to create and maintain professional and personal relationships, ultimately preparing them for a fulfilling career in the pharmaceutical industry.

Fellowship Mentors



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U.S. Medical Affairs,
Immunology/Gastroenterology



Kiren Patel, Pharm.D.
Executive Director,
U.S. Medical Affairs,
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Scientific Director,
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Associate Scientific Director,
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Neuroscience-Migraine



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Senior Scientific Director,
U.S. Medical Affairs,
Anti-infectives-HCV



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Current Fellows



Casey Davis, Pharm.D.
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Eye Care



Peyton Wade, Pharm.D.
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Neuroscience-Migraine & NTN



Ivonna Reda, Pharm.D.
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Samuel Saryce, Pharm.D.
Post-Doctoral Fellow,
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Post-Doctoral Fellow,
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Immunology-Gastroenterology



Thomas Poznanski, Pharm.D.
Post-Doctoral Fellow,
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Immunology-Rheumatology



Abanoub Gad, Ph.D.
Post-Doctoral Fellow,
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Immunology-Dermatology



Gina Armano, Pharm.D.
Post-Doctoral Fellow,
U.S. Medical Affairs,
Medical Payer Strategy

U.S. Medical Affairs Fellowship

Overview

Founded in 2019, the fellowship program aims to provide exceptional biopharmaceutical industry training for Doctor of Pharmacy graduates with a broad exposure within the Immunology Therapeutic Area.

This program will prepare fellows for a career in the pharmaceutical industry by focusing on developing a deep understanding of medical affairs and how it ties into the business.

The fellowship provides significant experience in a corporate setting, enabling fellows to hone their business and clinical skills.

The program also aims to foster professional development; provide intensive, hands-on training; and expose fellows to a variety of industry-based opportunities.

Fellow Development

- Professional development to promote learning agility, leadership, critical thinking, and team-building skills
- Networking to establish both personal and professional relationships among colleagues, industry professionals, and health care providers

Pharmaceutical Industry Experience

The one-year medical affairs fellowship provides an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to excel as a pharmacist in medical affairs. The fellowship will provide a balanced structure of learning and immersive work experience, which may include:

- Receiving training on and applying regulations related to the medical review of pharmaceutical promotion
- Developing knowledge of AbbVie's Immunology products, clinical trials, and associated disease states
- Contributing to the launch preparation of new indications
- Conducting literature evaluations and critically analyzing clinical data
- Partnering with cross-functional teams on pipeline and on-market assets to gain understanding of product life-cycle management
- Evaluating the competitive landscape and preparing gap analyses
- Developing materials for training the Field Medical Team (Medical Science Liaisons - MSLs, or Medical Outcomes Science Liaisons - MOSLs)
- Spending up to 20 percent of time traveling for congresses, national meetings, and field immersion experiences with MSLs



U.S. Medical Affairs, Medical Payer Strategy (Cross-Therapeutic)

Medical Payer Strategy is a team housed within the Value and Access arm of U.S. Medical Affairs. Our team consists of health care professionals (predominantly PharmDs and PhDs) who have a strategic mindset and are therapeutic area experts in addition to having an extensive knowledge of the U.S. health care system. The main function of the Medical Payer Strategy team is to ensure that every patient has access to the life-changing and/or life-saving medications that are currently available. We collaborate with many cross-functional partners to set

the field medical team's strategy, create necessary resources, lead disease state and product training, and generate real-world evidence. Medical Payer Strategy is the perfect place for someone who is interested in the complexities of the U.S. health care system, has strong clinical and communication skills, and is passionate about patient care.

Application Process

The AbbVie Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program provides a unique opportunity with a field leader, preparing PharmDs and PhDs for successful careers in industry. Candidates are encouraged to review the application requirements and deadlines, as admission into the program is competitive.

AbbVie's Commitment to Equality

AbbVie is committed to equity, equality, diversity, and inclusion (EED&I). It's fundamental to who we are and it's just how we "do good business". This includes valuing diverse perspectives, creating an inclusive culture and treating all employees with dignity and respect.

At AbbVie, having a diverse and inclusive culture is a business imperative. We are committed to operating with integrity, driving innovation, transforming lives, serving our community, and embracing diversity and inclusion. It is not only the right thing to do, it strengthens our ability to innovate and is crucial to our ability to deliver now and into the future.

Developing and bringing innovative, life-changing medicines to patients requires diversity of thought – and diversity of thought comes from a diverse workforce. Additionally important, we serve a wide variety of patient populations around the world, and it is crucial that as a company, we reflect them and represent their voices.

Requirements for Eligibility

A successful candidate must be a Pharm.D. graduate from an ACPE accredited institution. Substantial background knowledge in a related field is a plus.

All candidates must be authorized to work in the United States on a permanent basis without requiring sponsorship.

Available Positions*

- Immunology (Rheumatology, Dermatology and Gastroenterology)
 - Medical Payer Strategy (Cross-Therapeutic)
 - Neuroscience/Migraine & Neurotoxin
 - Neuroscience/Psychiatry
 - Oncology
 - Eye care
 - Anti-infectives/HCV
- *Subject to change

Admission

To apply, send the following materials to usmafellowships@abbvie.com

- Letter of intent
- Two references with email addresses
- Two letters of recommendation sent via email from each of the two references directly
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Unofficial **graduate** school transcript
- Any additional materials that the candidate feels would be useful to the interview committee

Deadline

Candidates are required to submit all required application materials by **December 5, 2022** or until positions are filled.*

*Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis and early application is strongly encouraged

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