Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship
2019-2020
MEDICAL INFORMATION
About Us: Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops and commercializes innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need. We strive to transform and simplify care for people with life-threatening illnesses around the world. Gilead’s portfolio of products and pipeline of investigational drugs include treatments for HIV/AIDS, liver diseases, cancer, inflammatory and respiratory diseases, and cardiovascular conditions.

Our portfolio of marketed products includes a number of category firsts, including complete treatment regimens for HIV infection available in a once-daily single pill and the first oral antiretroviral pill available to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV infection in certain high-risk adults.

Growing Worldwide Reach

Gilead was founded in 1987 in Foster City, California. Since then, we have grown to become one of the world’s largest biopharmaceutical companies, with 9,000 employees across six continents.

About Us: The USC School of Pharmacy is the only private pharmacy school on a major health sciences campus, which includes the Keck School of Medicine, Keck Hospital of USC and the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and is immediately adjacent to the LAC+USC Medical Center, one of the largest public hospitals in the country. Ranked by US News and World Report as a top ten pharmacy school nationwide and #1 among private schools, the USC School of Pharmacy is recognized for its century-old reputation for innovation in pharmaceutical education, clinical practice, and research. The School uniquely spans the entire spectrum of pharmaceutical development and clinical care – from drug discovery to regulatory approaches that promote safety and innovation, from delivery of patient care services to evaluating the impact of care on patient outcomes and costs. With a history of “firsts” that includes the nation’s first Pharm.D. program (1950), first clinical clerkship program (1968), first Ph.D. in pharmaceutical economics (1990), and first professional doctorate in regulatory science (2008), the School holds an essential leadership role in the safe, efficient, and optimal use of medication therapy that can save lives and improve the human condition.
Overview:

The University of Southern California and Gilead are proud to offer a 12-month Medical Information Fellowship Program designed to provide recent PharmD graduates an opportunity to learn the skills and experiences to excel in Medical Information, a key function in any pharmaceutical Medical Affairs organization. The fellowship is based at Gilead's U.S. headquarters in Foster City, California. The Fellow will be an integral part of the Medical Information team that responds to requests for information about Gilead products from healthcare professionals and patients.

Goal:

To provide an opportunity for recent PharmD graduates to learn the skills necessary for a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry with an emphasis in Medical Information.
Objectives:

• Provide unbiased and fair/scientifically balanced medical information about Gilead products to healthcare providers and patients
• Support Medical Affairs by providing product and drug information expertise on a wide range of initiatives including staffing the medical booth at scientific meetings and consulting on cross-functional activities
• Develop strong literature searching skills and critically evaluate published and unpublished clinical data regarding marketed and investigational products
• Improve written and verbal communication skills to convey complex information to a variety of audiences
• Support the overall operational function of a Medical Information department by participating in process improvement initiatives, tracking and reporting key operational metrics, and ensuring inspection readiness
• Collaborate with cross-functional groups throughout Gilead
• Learn and comply with regulations set by the USC, Gilead, and national/global regulatory agencies
• Take graduate coursework with full credit applicable to Fellow’s field of study at the University of Southern California
• Participate in the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy Professional Development and Leadership Retreat
Medical Information Activities at Gilead:

- **Medical Information Content**: The Fellow will participate in the writing, updating, and review of Medical Information content such as standard response documents (SRDs) and custom responses (CRs)

- **Respond to Requests for Medical Information**: The Fellow will work with the other Medical Information Clinicians to develop and disseminate unbiased and scientifically balanced responses to requests for medical information escalated from the Gilead Medical Resource Center (GMRC)

- **Operational Excellence**: The Fellow will work with the Medical Information Operations team on projects to improve processes, implement new technology to support Medical Information, ensure inspection readiness, and management of the GMRC

- **Collaboration**: The Fellow will collaborate with colleagues from other departments (Commercial, Marketing, Medical Scientists, Medical Affairs, etc) to learn about the role of Medical Information in the wider organization

- **Compliance**: The Fellow will learn and comply with regulations and guidance from various national and global regulatory agencies that govern the pharmaceutical industry

- **Additional Activities**: Based on the Fellow’s interests, there is an opportunity to participate in rotations with external departments (Regulatory Affairs-Advertising and Promotion, Field-Based Medical Sciences, Publications, Phase 4/Investigator Sponsored Research, HEOR, etc) to gain a comprehensive experience and skillset in the pharmaceutical industry

- **Regulatory Sciences Graduate Coursework**: The Fellow will complete graduate coursework at the University of Southern California with the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Regulatory Sciences

- **Career Development**: The Fellow will gain numerous development opportunities by enhancing management and teaching skills while precepting Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) students and gaining an understanding of corporate structure, regulatory considerations, and the drug development process
Applying to the Medical Information Fellowship

Requirements:

To be admitted to the USC-Gilead Sciences, Inc. Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship program, you must:

- Have obtained a PharmD from an accredited school of pharmacy within 5 years of initial appointment
- Possess good oral and written communication skills and embody the Gilead core values of accountability, inclusion, teamwork, excellence, and integrity

Additional Process and Timelines:

- Applications for the postdoctoral fellowship are to be submitted online at: https://web-app.usc.edu/web/pharmacy/application, where you will be asked to submit the following:
  - Email addresses of three references
  - Official pharmacy school transcript

- First-Round interviews will be conducted at ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA in December 2018. Please use PPS to request an interview and submit your CV and letter of intent. Interview invitations will be extended on a rolling basis with all invitations to be sent out by November 28, 2018.

- When submitting documents, please use the following naming convention for the file name: LAST_NAME_FIRST_NAME_DOCUMENT_TYPE

- On-site interviews will be conducted at Gilead Sciences, Inc in Foster City, CA during early January.

Deadline:

- Potential candidates are required to complete the online application to the USC portal above and submit required materials by **December 10, 2018.**
Additional information is available at:

http://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/programs/fellowship/

Additional Questions?

Attend our informative webinar on November 12, 2018, 4 - 5 PM PST.

To register for the event, please visit:
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