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About us: Gilead has pursued – and achieved – breakthroughs once thought impossible in medicine for more than three decades, with the goal of creating a healthier world for all people. Gilead was founded in 1987 in Foster City, California and has operations in more than 35 countries. We have grown to become one of the world’s largest biopharmaceutical companies, with 12,000 employees across six continents. Gilead has helped transform care for people living with HIV, developing the world’s first HIV single tablet regimen to treat the disease and the first medicines to prevent infection with the HIV virus. Our scientists are continuing to pursue new kinds of treatment, such as long-acting antivirals, and the ultimate goal is a cure.

At Gilead, we recognize that advancing scientific discovery is only one aspect of improving public health – it takes more than medicine to tackle the challenges people and communities face. We are committed to going beyond the science to address social and structural challenges. We collaborate with partners around the world to bring its medicines to an estimated 14+ million people in 140 low- and middle-income countries.

The Gilead culture and core values are reflected in everything we do. Through bold and transformative science, we’re creating possibilities that have the potential to become the next generation of life-changing medicines.

Our Therapeutic Areas

HIV, Liver & Fibrosis, Inflammatory Diseases, Oncology
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 U.S. 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.
William C. Gong, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCSHP

Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy
Director, Residency and Fellowship Programs
University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy

About Dr. William C. Gong: William C. Gong is Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Director for Residency and Fellowship Programs at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Dr. Gong received his Pharm.D. from the University of Southern California and completed his Residency in Clinical Pharmacy at the LAC+USC Medical Center. He is a primary care pharmacy practitioner committed to the education of students for careers in clinical practice and the pharmaceutical industry. He oversees approximately 50 residents and fellows and has developed partnership with industry to sponsor fellowship programs including AbbVie, Inc, Allergan Plc, Bausch and Lomb, Gilead Sciences, Ista Pharmaceuticals, Kite Pharma, MannKind Corp, and Neurocrine Biosciences.

Dr. Gong is actively involved with multiple professional organizations. He has served on the California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists Board of Directors. On the national level, he has served in various capacities at AMCP, APHAA, and ASHP, including Vice-Chair and Chair for the Primary Care Specialty Practice Group of ASHP, as an executive board member of the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists, ASHP Commission on Therapeutics and as a member of the ASHP Commission on Credentialing. He has published and given numerous presentations on ambulatory care pharmacy practice issues and diabetes care on the national and local level. He is cited in the Congressional Record for Pharmacy Practice Achievements, is a Fellow of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and a Fellow of the California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.
Gilead Sciences
Medical Information Fellowship

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022: One Position Available
Location: Based at Gilead Sciences, Inc. Headquarters in Foster City, California

Vision: To strengthen patient care by connecting our customers to best-in-class medical information

Fellowship Overview: The University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy and Gilead Sciences, Inc. 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 Medical Affairs organization across the pharmaceutical industry. The fellowship is based at the Gilead U.S. headquarters in Foster City, California. The Fellow will be an integral part of the Global and U.S. Medical Information teams that develop and manage Medical Information content in response to requests from healthcare professionals and patients.

Fellowship 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
Medical Information Fellowship Activities:

Medical Information Content:

- Write, update and review Medical Information content for healthcare providers and patients such as Global Response Documents (GRDs), Local Response Documents (LRDs), Patient Response Documents (PRDs), and alternative content formats (including infographics)

Medical Information Clinical Expertise:

- Work with the Global and U.S. Medical Information Clinicians to develop clinical expertise in specific therapeutic areas in order to draft and disseminate unbiased and scientifically balanced responses to requests for medical information escalated from the Gilead Medical Resource Center (GMRC)

Operational Excellence:

- Work with Medical Information and Operations teams across regions on process improvement initiatives, implement new technologies to support Medical Information, ensure inspection readiness, and help manage the GMRC

Cross-Functional Collaboration:

- Collaborate with colleagues from other departments (Commercial, Marketing, Medical Scientists, etc.) and support Medical Affairs by providing product and drug information expertise on a wide range of initiatives including staffing the medical information booth at national scientific meetings and consulting on cross-functional activities

Compliance:

- Learn and comply with regulations and guidance from various national and global regulatory agencies that govern the pharmaceutical industry

External-Department Rotations:

- Based on the Fellow’s interests, there is an opportunity to participate in rotations with external departments across the Gilead organization to gain a comprehensive experience and skillset in the pharmaceutical industry

- Potential departments to perform rotations with include: Regulatory Affairs (Advertising and Promotion), Field-Based Medical Sciences, Medical Affairs Research (Phase IV/Investigator Sponsored Research), etc.

USC Graduate Coursework:

- Complete required graduate coursework at the University of Southern California with the opportunity to complete a Graduate Certificate Program in a variety of fields

Leadership, Teaching and Career Development:

- Participate in the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy Professional Development and Leadership Retreat and precept Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation students
Gilead Sciences Medical Information Fellowship Mentors:

Prachee Satpute, PharmD
Associate Director, Medical Information
Gilead Sciences, Inc.
Director, Medical Information Fellowship

Jeff Mathews, MPH, CMPP
Executive Director, Medical Information
Gilead Sciences, Inc.
“Behind every question is a patient”

Stacey Fung, PharmD
Senior Director, Medical Information
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Yvonne Mehta, PharmD
Director, Medical Information
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Priya Patel, PharmD
Director, Medical Information
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Sonia Sandhu, PharmD
Director, Medical Information
Gilead Sciences, Inc.
**Fellowship Alumni and Current Fellow:**

**Truc Dinh, PharmD,** Senior Manager, Medical Information  
Gilead Medical Information Fellow 2018-2019  
University of California, San Francisco Class of 2018

Completing a Medical Information focused fellowship at Gilead has been rewarding both personally and professionally. As a fellow, I felt fully supported from dedicated mentors and preceptors who are invested in my success and career development. My contributions during the fellowship were valued across the company and I had many opportunities to play an integral role in collaborating with diverse functional departments. This fellowship experience has prepared me to be a leader in Medical Information and to continue to make a meaningful impact to patients and healthcare providers.

**Matt Kent, PharmD, MBA,** Senior Manager, Medical Information  
Gilead Medical Information Fellow 2019-2020  
Drake University Class of 2019

Completing the Gilead Sciences Medical Information Fellowship has given me the skills and exposure I needed to become a successful and well-rounded Medical Information professional. I chose to pursue a fellowship at Gilead because, at my core, I’m passionate about advancing patient care by increasing access to information. As the fellow, I had the support I needed to pursue impactful projects while developing the core skills of literature evaluation and scientific writing.

**Carol Ou, PharmD**  
Gilead Medical Information Fellow 2020-2021  
University of California, San Francisco Class of 2020

As the Gilead Medical Information fellow, I am both supported and encouraged to pursue my interests and passions in every aspect of the fellowship. I can take on projects that make a significant impact both within the department as well as cross-functionally. Equally as important, I am provided with the training and experiences necessary to excel as a Medical Information clinician. This experience has been nothing short of rewarding and further solidifies my pursuit of a career in industry. What makes Gilead special is that everyone is committed to advancing our mission, vision and core values. There are mentors here who are dedicated to my success and colleagues who are always willing to help. With everyone's support, I am able to thrive as a fellow and provide value to patients, healthcare providers and the company.
The Application

Application Requirements
To be admitted to the USC Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Programs, the candidate must have completed a PharmD, MD, PhD or equivalent doctorate degree from an accredited college or university within five years of initial appointment.

Webinar
Attend our informative online Webinar on November 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM PST/4:00 PM EST. Link will be posted on USC website when available.

ASHP Midyear Interviews
First-round interviews will be conducted at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) 2020 Midyear Clinical Meeting, which will be taking place virtually December 6-10. Please use the Personnel Placement Service (PPS) to request a first-round interview and to submit both your Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Letter of Intent (LOI). Interview invitations will be extended on a rolling basis with all invitations to be sent out by December 4, 2020.

Application Process
The application for the 2021-2022 cycle will be available October 1, 2020.

The USC Postdoctoral Fellowship Portal can be accessed online at https://web-app.usc.edu/web/pharmacy/application, where you will be asked to submit the following:

- Email addresses of three references
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of Intent (LOI)
- Official pharmacy school or graduate school transcripts may be sent electronically from the university's registrar's office to residentfellow@usc.edu or mailed to Pharmacy Residency & Fellowship Programs:
  1985 Zonal Avenue, PSC B-15 Los Angeles, CA 90033

Potential candidates are required to complete the USC Postdoctoral Fellowship Portal application by December 11, 2020.

When submitting documents, please submit as a PDF file and use the following naming conventions:

- Last name_First name_CV.pdf
- Last name_First name_LOI.pdf

Final Interviews:
Final interviews will be conducted virtually after ASHP Midyear.
Additional information is available at http://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/programs/fellowship

For location and times, or any additional information on the program, please contact:

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