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About Kite

At Kite, we are focused on the cure. Our singular focus is on cell therapy — the use of genetically modified immune cells programmed to target tumors — which we believe has the potential to change the way cancer is treated.

Through our focused efforts and important industry and academic partnerships we have been able to advance our industry-leading pipeline of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) and T cell receptor (TCR) product candidates with the goal of treating both hematological cancers and solid tumors.

Christi Shaw joined Kite in 2019 as Chief Executive Officer. She sits on the Gilead Leadership Team and is responsible for all cell therapy operations around the world.

“We are dedicated to pursuing cell therapy to fundamentally change health outcomes in cancer, and to ensuring medicines are made available to all patients who may be helped by them, regardless of location or cost.”
– Christi Shaw, Chief Executive Officer, Kite

Founded in 2009 as a pioneer in cell therapy research, Kite’s leadership position in the immuno-oncology space was solidified with our research and development agreement with the National Cancer Institute in 2012 and when the commercial manufacturing site opened in El Segundo in 2016. Since our acquisition by biopharma leader Gilead Sciences in October 2017, our combined strength has accelerated the advancement of our pipeline, including the launch of YESCARTA® (axicabtagene ciloleucel), and has expanded the impact of our strategic partnerships.

In July 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted accelerated approval to TECARTUS™ (brexucabtagene autoleucel, formerly KTE-X19), the first and only approved CAR T cell therapy for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory mantle cell lymphoma (MCL).

As an independent operating company since 2019, we prioritize innovative R&D with the full resources, capabilities, and trust of Gilead.

Therapeutic Areas
Hematological Malignancies, Solid Tumors, Allogeneic Technology
About USC

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.
William C. Gong, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCSHP

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

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 partnerships within industry to sponsor fellowship programs including AbbVie, Inc, Allergan Plc, Bausch and Lomb, Gilead Sciences, Istia 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, APhA, 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 Fellow of the California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.
Kite Medical Information Fellowship
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 – One Position Available
Location: Based at Kite Headquarters in Santa Monica, California

Fellowship Overview
The University of Southern California School of Pharmacy and Kite, a Gilead Company, are proud to offer a 12-month Medical Information Fellowship Program designed to provide recent Pharm.D., MD, Ph.D. or equivalent advanced degree 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 Kite headquarters in Santa Monica, California. The fellow will be an integral part of the Global Medical Information team and will develop/manage Medical Information content used to respond to requests for information about Kite products.

Fellowship Goal
To provide an opportunity for the fellow to learn the skills necessary for a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry with an emphasis in Medical Information.

Medical Information Fellowship Primary Objectives:

Subject Matter Expertise
- Participate in cell therapy training, with the goal of becoming a subject matter expert throughout the course of the fellowship. Attend scientific meetings to maintain that expertise, participate in session coverage, and staff the Medical Affairs booth.

Medical Information Content
- Write, update, and review Medical Information content such as standard response letters (SRLs), frequently asked questions (FAQ) documents, and slide decks (if applicable). In addition, the fellow may assist in the creation or maintenance of an AMCP dossier and compendia submissions.

Respond to Unsolicited Requests for Medical Information
- Coordinate with the Medical Information specialists at Kite’s call center to formulate unbiased and scientifically balanced responses to requests for medical information that have been escalated. Escalated requests will be proposed by the fellow and reviewed by the appropriate subject matter experts prior to fulfillment by the call center.

Medical Review
- Function as a medical reviewer for Promotional Review Committee, Medical Review Committee, and for Commercial Learning and Development pieces.

Operational Excellence
- Work with the Kite Medical Information team to work on projects regarding process improvement/development, implementation of new technology, and managing the call center.

Collaboration
- Collaborate with other departments at Kite to learn the value that Kite Medical Information brings to the broader organization.

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Medical Information Fellowship Primary Objectives (continued):

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

Rotations with External-Departments
- Opportunities to participate in rotations with external departments across the Kite organization including Regulatory Affairs (Advertising and Promotion), Field-based Medical Affairs, Marketing, Medical Communications, etc. to gain a comprehensive experience and skill set in the pharmaceutical industry.

USC Graduate Coursework
- Complete required graduate coursework at the University of Southern California with the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Regulatory Sciences.

Leadership, Teaching and Career Development
- Participate in the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy Professional Development and Leadership Retreat.
Medical Information Fellowship Mentors

Luciana Bang, Pharm.D.
Director, Medical Information

Alice Pauner, Pharm.D.
Associate Director, Medical Information

Neil Sheth, Pharm.D.
Senior Manager, Medical Information

Theia Monera, Pharm.D., MS
Senior Manager, Medical Information
Kite Scientific Communications Fellowship

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 – One Position Available
Location: Based at Kite Headquarters in Santa Monica, California

Program Overview
The University of Southern California School of Pharmacy and Kite are proud to offer a 12-month Scientific Communications Fellowship Program. This program is designed to provide recent Pharm.D., MD, Ph.D. or equivalent advanced degree graduates an opportunity to learn the skills and experiences necessary to excel in Scientific Communications, a key function in any Medical Affairs organization across the pharmaceutical industry. The fellowship is based at the Kite headquarters in Santa Monica, California.

Fellowship Goal
To provide an opportunity for the fellow to learn the skills necessary for a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry with an emphasis in Scientific Communications.

Scientific Communications Primary Objectives:

Subject Matter Expertise
- The fellow will participate in cell therapy training, with the goal of becoming a subject matter expert. The fellow will be able to attend scientific meetings to maintain that expertise, participate in session coverage, and staff the Medical Affairs booth.

Scientific Communications Content
- The fellow will be involved in the creation of high-impact scientific and medical tools for the medical science field teams, medical affairs scientific presentations, scientific booth materials at key congresses, and content at scientific advisory boards.

Operational excellence
- The fellow will work with the Kite Scientific Communications team to work on projects regarding process improvement/development and potential implementation of new technology.

Collaboration
- The fellow will collaborate with other departments at Kite to learn about the value that Kite Scientific Communications brings to the broader organization.

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

Rotations with External-Departments
- Participate in rotations with external departments across the Kite organization including Regulatory Affairs (Advertising and Promotion), Field-based Medical Affairs, Marketing, Medical Communications, etc. to gain a comprehensive experience and skill set in the pharmaceutical industry.

USC Graduate Coursework
- Complete required graduate coursework at the University of Southern California with the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Regulatory Sciences.

Leadership, Teaching and Career Development
- Participate in the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy Professional Development and Leadership Retreat.
Scientific Communications Fellowship Mentors

Adrienne Platenecky, Pharm.D.
Senior Manager, Scientific Communications
Director, Scientific Communications Fellowship

Sonia Jung, Ph.D.
Senior Director, Scientific Communications

Tiago Sousa, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
Director, Scientific Communications
Current Kite Fellows

Adam Cho, Pharm.D., MS
Kite Medical Information Fellow 2020-2021
University of Southern California Class of 2020

I chose to pursue the Kite Medical Information fellowship because I wanted to provide information to patients and healthcare providers to help change the way cancers are treated and help improve patient lives. Throughout the fellowship interview process, and even now as a current fellow, I continue to see how patient-centric Kite is as a company. I originally pursued a career in pharmacy to help patients, and at Kite I can do so at a more macro level. My mentors are very supportive and dedicated to my success throughout the fellowship, ensuring that I gain the skills necessary for a successful career in Medical Information.

Eric Baehr, Pharm.D.
Kite Scientific Communications Fellow 2020-2021
University of Illinois at Chicago Class of 2020

The Scientific Communications fellowship program at Kite is aligned with my interests in both cell therapy and oncology. Being an integral part of a team that frequently works cross-functionally with other departments at Kite has been a really engaging experience for me. Developing a better understanding of all the moving parts involved in the planning and creation of content for congresses and medical science liaisons has given me unique insight and perspective. The mentorship I have received has allowed me to jump right into interesting projects that accelerate my learning and contribute to departmental needs.
The Application

Requirements
To be admitted to the USC-Kite Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program, you must:

- Have obtained a Pharm.D., MD, Ph.D. or equivalent doctorate degree from an accredited college or university within five years of initial appointment.

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

Applications for postdoctoral fellowships are to be submitted online at: https://resfellow.smapply.io/prog/fellowship/, where you will be asked to submit the following:

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

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

Application Deadline
Important dates and deadlines will be posted on the USC Fellowship Program page at: https://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/programs/fellowship/

Interviews
Fellowship interview details are to come and will be posted on the USC Fellowship Program page at: https://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/programs/fellowship/

Final Interviews
Details regarding final interviews will follow preliminary interviews.
Additional Information

Webinar
Attend our informative online webinar. Details will be posted on the USC Fellowship Program website when available.

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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