



Pharmaceutical Industry  
**Fellowships**  
2022-2023



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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

Virology | Oncology | Inflammation





**USC** University of  
Southern California



**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.

## USC School of Pharmacy Fellows 2021-2022



Ammar Al Khafaji, PhD  
Drug Delivery Sciences  
AbbVie, Inc.



Ava Bamdad, PharmD  
Field Medical Affairs  
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.



Ivy Bien, PharmD  
Medical Affairs  
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.



Julie Darnell, PharmD  
Academic Pharmacy  
USC



Myan Do, PhD  
Research Pharmacology  
AbbVie, Inc.



Rajaun Ellis, PharmD  
Medical Affairs  
Gilead Sciences, Inc.



Shirley Guo, PharmD  
Medical Information  
Gilead Sciences, Inc.



Ali Hasan, PharmD  
Scientific Communications  
Kite Pharma



Brittani Hewitt, PharmD  
Medical Affairs  
AbbVie, Inc.



Brianna Hoover, PhD  
Research Pharmacology  
AbbVie, Inc.



Emily Hua, PharmD  
Medical Information  
Kite Pharma



Masara Issa, PharmD  
Clinical Development  
AbbVie, Inc.



Lia Jung, PhD  
Research Pharmacology  
AbbVie, Inc.



Andrella King, PhD  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
AbbVie, Inc.



Trevor Lee, PharmD  
Medical Affairs  
MannKind Corporation



Krystal McCarty, PharmD, MS  
Medical Affairs  
MannKind Corporation



Austin Mullins, PharmD  
Global Medical Affairs  
AbbVie, Inc.



Tam Nguyen, PharmD  
Clinical Development  
AbbVie, Inc.



Nicki Pashmforoush, PharmD  
Medical Affairs (PFMES)  
Gilead Sciences, Inc.



Cynthia Sassenberg, PharmD  
Global Regulatory Affairs  
AbbVie, Inc.



Anthony Sophonsri, PharmD  
Clinical Translational Research  
USC



Irene Sunwoo, PharmD  
Clinical Pharmacology  
AbbVie, Inc.



Tanya Tatavets, PharmD  
Medical Information  
Gilead Sciences, Inc.



Parker Wade, PharmD  
Medical Affairs  
AbbVie, Inc.



**William C. Gong, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCSHP**  
Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy  
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 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, 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 a Fellow of the California Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists.

# Medical Affairs

## Medical Information Fellowships

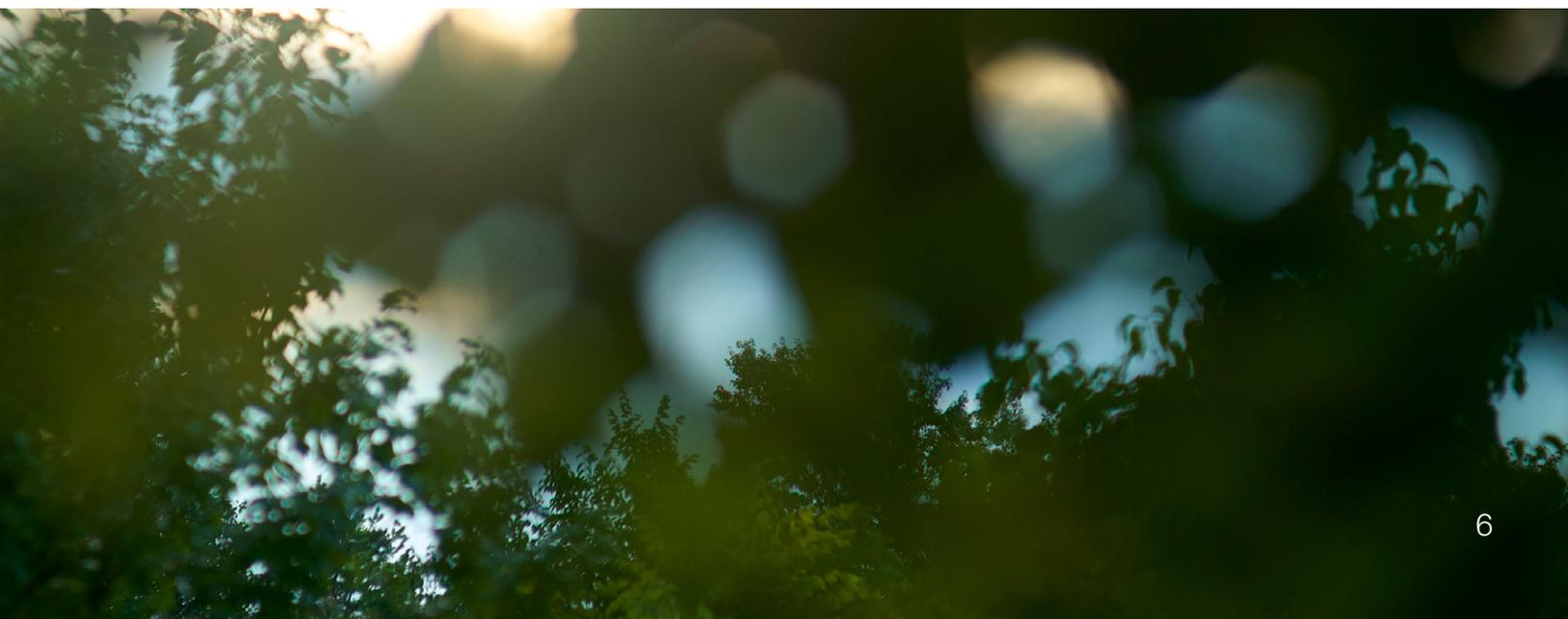
**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023: Two Positions Available**

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 two 12-month Medical Information Fellowships 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 fellowships are based at the Gilead U.S. headquarters in Foster City, California. The Fellows will be integral to the Global Medical Information teams that develop and manage Medical Information content in response to requests from healthcare professionals, patients, and their caregivers.

**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 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 Medical Information contact centers and affiliate teams

### **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 Medical Information contact centers

### **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, participation in Promotional and Medical Review Committees 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, involvement in Pharma Collaboration for Transparent Medical Information (PhactMI) fellow's community and precept Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation students

## Medical Information Fellowship Director & Mentors:



**Prachee Satpute, PharmD**  
Associate Director, Medical Information

**Director, Medical Information Fellowship**



**Tiffany Huang, PharmD**  
Senior Manager, Medical Information

**Director, Medical Information Fellowship**



**Jeff Mathews, MPH, CMPP**  
Executive Director, Scientific Communications COE,  
Medical Affairs



**Stacey Fung, PharmD**  
Senior Director, Global Medical Information Lead

Fellows will also have opportunities to work with others, including senior leadership, across the Medical Information and broader Medical Affairs teams

# Medical Affairs Strategic Engagement & Education (SEE) Fellowship

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023: One Position Available**

Location: Based at Gilead Sciences, Inc. Headquarters in Foster City, California

**Vision:** Improve patient outcomes by providing strategic and operational leadership to drive Global Medical Affairs success

**Fellowship Overview:** The University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy and Gilead Sciences, Inc. are proud to offer a 12-month Strategic Engagement & Education (SEE) Fellowship Program designed to provide recent PharmD, MD and PhD graduates an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to excel in a career in the pharmaceutical industry by working within the Global Medical Affairs Learning & Development function while also supporting other teams within the SEE organization.



## **Strategic Engagement & Education (SEE) Fellowship Activities:**

### **Learning & Development:**

Design, develop, and coordinate the delivery of Global and US Medical Affairs learning events and content, eLearning, eBooks, slide decks, and videos

### **Medical Education & Programs:**

Support the sponsorship and evaluation of Independent Medical Education programs

### **Patient Engagement:**

Support projects that reinforce patient inclusion by identifying and planning patient inclusion activities and developing patient-centered decision-making strategies

### **Events:**

Collaborate with the Events team to plan and deliver Medical Affairs meetings/events

### **Operational Excellence:**

Work with the SEE team on projects regarding process improvement/development and implementation of new technology

### **Collaboration:**

Collaborate with colleagues from other departments to learn about the role of Medical Affairs in the wider organization

### **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 diverse skillset in the pharmaceutical industry

Potential departments to perform a rotation 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 USC School of Pharmacy Professional Development and Leadership Retreat

## Strategic Engagement & Education (SEE) Fellowship Director & Mentors:



**Jeff Narvid, MA Ed**

Senior Director, Medical Affairs Learning & Development

**Director, SEE Fellowship**



**Sebastian Teague, MA Ed**

Director, Medical Affairs Learning & Development



**Megan Becker, PhD**

Director, Medical Education & Programs



**Jamie Zagorski, MSN, FNP**

Senior Director, Patient Engagement



**Yen Nguyen, CMP, HMCC**

Senior Event Planner, Meeting & Events Advisory  
Center of Excellence

# US Medical Affairs HIV Prevention Fellowship

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023: One Position Available**

Location: US Remote; occasional travel will be needed for in-person conferences and/or team meetings

**Fellowship Overview:** The USC-Gilead Sciences HIV Prevention Medical Affairs Fellowship program will provide an opportunity for a recent PharmD graduate to learn the skills necessary to excel in a career in the pharmaceutical industry and Medical Affairs, focusing on Gilead's HIV Prevention strategy



## **HIV Prevention Fellowship Activities:**

### **Develop Strategic Thinking:**

The fellow will be involved in the creation and review of the Medical Affairs HIV Prevention Plan of Action (POA) and help ensure medical content, messaging, and reactive tools support execution of the POA

### **Medical Affairs Content:**

The fellow will be involved with the creation, updating, and review of Medical Affairs content such as reactive slide decks, FAQ documents, Medical Affairs advisory presentations, and Commercial Learning and Development Presentations

The fellow will be involved in the development and delivery of training materials for the sales and medical scientist' teams

The fellow will collaborate with Global and US Medical Affairs Colleagues to cover major HIV/HIV Prevention conferences, delivering timely conference summaries to Medical Scientists and US Providers

### **Participate in Medical Review:**

The fellow will have the opportunity to support development of US promotional materials, commercial learning and development materials, and Medical Information generated response documents to ensure medical accuracy, cultural appropriateness, alignment with product indication, alignment with public health guidelines and alignment with the Medical Affairs Plan of Action and strategic messaging

### **Cross-Functional Collaboration:**

The fellow will collaborate with colleagues from other departments (regulatory affairs, Clinical Research, Government Affairs) to learn about the role and value of Medical Affairs within the wider 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.

### **Additional Activities:**

Based on the fellow's interest, there is an opportunity to participate in rotations with other departments to gain comprehensive experience and skills in the pharmaceutical industry

The fellow will have an opportunity to engage in scientific discussions with Key Opinion Leaders during field rides with the Medical Scientists

### **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 and Career Development:**

Participate in the USC School of Pharmacy Professional Development and Leadership Retreat

## HIV Prevention Fellowship Director & Mentors:



**Jonathon Anderson, PharmD, AAHIVP**  
Director, Medical Affairs  
US HIV Prevention Strategy Lead

**Director, HIV Prevention Fellowship**



**Mark Bernstein, RPh, MBA**  
Executive Director, Medical Affairs  
US HIV Therapeutic Area Lead



**Julia Green, MS, APRN, AGNP-C, ACRN, AAHIVE**  
Associate Director, Medical Affairs  
US HIV Prevention Strategy

## Current Fellow Profiles:



### **Tanya Tatavets, PharmD**

Medical Information Fellow 2021-2022

University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Class of 2021

The Gilead Medical Information Fellowship provides me with the resources and training I need to advance my career in the field of Medical Information. My mentors and colleagues provide a wealth of support and are dedicated to creating a unique learning experience that is customized to my goals and interests. I am given ample opportunity to make impactful changes across Medical Information and collaborate with colleagues across various functional areas. These opportunities have vastly contributed to my professional and personal growth. My time as a Gilead fellow has been an invaluable experience and has equipped me with the tools necessary to succeed as a Medical Information specialist.



### **Nicki Pashmforoush, PharmD**

Strategic Engagement & Education Fellow 2021-2022

University of Southern California (USC) Class of 2021

As a Strategic Engagement & Education fellow, I have had the opportunity to expand my knowledge, develop valuable skills, and build meaningful professional relationships. I have been able to gain a comprehensive experience by supporting a wide range of initiatives and collaborating with colleagues from other departments. This fellowship has provided me with both the independence to lead projects and the support to learn from others that I work with. Most importantly, the invaluable support and guidance that I receive from my preceptor and colleagues has built an environment for successful growth and development. This experience has allowed me to work alongside experienced professionals in the industry to continue to bring forward medicines in areas of unmet medical need.



### **Rajaun Ellis, PharmD**

HIV Prevention Fellow 2021-2022

Nova Southeastern University Class of 2021

As the HIV Prevention Medical Strategy fellow, I have had the opportunity to gain a robust understanding of the role that US medical affairs play within Gilead. In addition, my preceptors and team members have been extremely supportive of my interests and professional goals during this journey. It is an exciting time to join the HIV prevention strategy team as Gilead continues to lead HIV prevention efforts in many ways including currently evaluating the use of a long-acting agent for PrEP. I feel honored to be at a company that continues to develop innovative approaches aimed at ending the HIV epidemic.

## Fellowship Alumni:



### **Truc Dinh, PharmD**

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**

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 a Gilead Medical Information fellow, I was both supported and encouraged to pursue my interests and passions in every aspect of the fellowship. I was able to take on projects that made a significant impact both within the department as well as cross-functionally. Equally as important, I was provided with the training and experiences necessary to excel as a Medical Information clinician. This experience was nothing short of rewarding and further solidified 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 at Gilead that were dedicated to my success and colleagues who were always willing to help. With everyone's support, I was 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 3, 2021 at 5:30 PM PST/8:30 PM EST. Link will be posted on USC website when available.

## Interview Process:

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 between October and December 2021.

## Application Process:

The application for the 2022-2023 cycle will be available October 1, 2021

The USC Postdoctoral Fellowship Portal can be accessed online at <https://provost.sma.usc.edu/prog/fellowship/> 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, 2021**.

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

**Additional Information:**

<https://pharmacyschool.usc.edu/programs/fellowship/>

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

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