

FDA MISSION

The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation. The FDA is also responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health.



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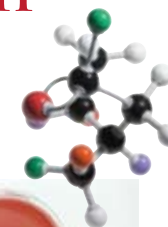
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COMMISSIONER'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



Protecting the Public Health
Through the Science of Regulation

OVERVIEW

FDA is launching a new two-year fellowship program in the fall of 2008 to provide an opportunity for health professionals and other scientists to receive training and experience at one of the world's most prestigious regulatory agencies. Fellows will train minutes from the nation's Capital at FDA's new state-of-the-art campus in White Oak, Maryland or at other FDA facilities. Stipends are extremely competitive, a generous housing allowance is provided, and travel funds are available to attend scientific meetings.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At the core of the FDA mission are people. The FDA protects the food supply and assures that safe and effective drugs and medical devices are rapidly brought to patients. Every regulatory decision that the FDA makes is based on science. Fellows explore the nature of these decisions with their preceptors, and learn the scientific foundations upon which these decisions are made.

The FDA Commissioner's Fellowship Program is designed to attract the most creative and motivated physicians, microbiologists, chemists, statisticians, physicists, physiologists, pharmacists, pharmacologists, engineers, food scientists, nutritionists, veterinarians, social scientists, epidemiologists, and other scientific professionals.

COURSEWORK

The coursework is designed to provide an in-depth review of the science behind regulatory review, encompassing the activities of the FDA across foods, drugs, devices, and cosmetics. Topics for the first semester include FDA law, policy, the federal government budgeting process, networking and leadership skills, international activities, communication with the public and press, and others. The second semester involves biostatistics, epidemiology, clinical trial design, risk assessment, and risk management. The third semester courses involve a comprehensive look at the science and processes in the seven FDA Centers. The fourth and final semester concludes with elective opportunities and case-based learning.

PRECEPTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Under the guidance of an FDA senior scientist preceptor committed to mentoring, fellows will explore a specific aspect of FDA regulatory science. This is a hands-on experience in which the fellow will identify and study a topic in FDA regulatory science. The experience can be in biology, physics or engineering lab, in a clinical review team, in biostatistics, informatics, epidemiology, risk analysis, or other aspects of FDA science.

BENEFITS

We offer an excellent benefits package including health insurance.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Individuals must have a United States citizenship, be a non-citizen national of the U.S., or have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence.

Doctoral level degrees (M.D., D.V.M., Pharm.D., Ph.D. or equivalent) are necessary for the health sciences and basic sciences. Engineers should have completed a B.S. degree.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the FDA Commissioner's Fellowship Program, submit your curriculum vitae (CV) and identify three references with contact information to: fdacommissionersfellows@fda.hhs.gov by August 29, 2008.

