



Post-Doctoral
Pharmaceutical Industry

Fellowship Program

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About Sunovion

Sunovion is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on the innovative application of science and medicine to help people with serious medical conditions. Sunovion's vision is to lead the way to a healthier world. The Company's spirit of innovation is driven by the conviction that scientific excellence paired with meaningful advocacy and relevant education can improve lives. Sunovion's drug development program, together with its corporate development and licensing efforts, has yielded pharmaceutical products to support people with psychiatric, neurological, and respiratory conditions.

Our Mission

To broadly contribute to society through value creation based on innovative research and development activities for the betterment of healthcare and fuller lives of people worldwide.

Who We Are

At Sunovion, patients are at the center of everything we do. We are creating innovative psychiatric, neurological and respiratory therapies that help transform people's lives, while taking an increasingly active role in the future of global health.

Focusing on therapeutic areas that impact the lives of millions worldwide

We are always seeking better ways to help people living with serious medical conditions. It's what drives us forward and inspires us to stay the course in challenging therapeutic areas. Sunovion is fully engaged in our quest for treatment paths that will improve the lives of millions impacted by psychiatric, neurological, and respiratory disorders.

Research at the intersection of science, medicine and technology

We have a strong pipeline of investigational medicines in various stages of development for psychiatric, neurological, and other disorders with unmet needs. In addition, we are leveraging new drug delivery methods and evolving technology, in new and innovative ways.

Supporting independent, quality medical research

We partner with a wide range of medical researchers, academic institutions and organizations dedicated to advancing medical science in our key therapeutic focus areas.

Sunovion Highlights

Vision:

To lead the way to a healthier world.

Sunovion At-a-glance:

- Headquartered in: Marlborough, MA USA
- Offices also located in: Teaneck, NJ USA; Mississauga, Ontario Canada;
- Nearly 1,050 employees

Therapeutic Areas of Focus:

- Psychiatry, Neurology, and Respiratory

Products:

- Seven products available in the United States
- Strong pipeline of early, mid, and late stage assets



Post-Doctoral Fellowship Team Members (left to right); **Basil Mbelli**, Pharm.D., **Lottie Galvan**, Pharm.D., **Robyn Parker**, MS, **Krissy Bissonnette**, Pharm.D., **George Gayed**, Pharm.D.

About the Fellowship Program

The goal of this program is to provide advanced training to pharmacists who wish to become future leaders in the pharmaceutical industry.

The post-doctoral fellow will be a core contributing member of the Central Nervous System (CNS) team within the Medical Information, Medical Affairs, or Regulatory departments. During the course of the fellowship, they will develop functional expertise by supporting multiple cross-functional teams, and assume increasing responsibility for independent projects as the fellowship proceeds.

Scientific Communications/Medical Affairs - *Recruiting for 1 Position*

This two-year fellowship focused on Scientific Communications and Medical Affairs will include cross-functional work and experience in Scientific Communications, Medical Affairs Operations, Independent Medical Education and Medical Science Liaison roles. The fellow will contribute to various Medical Affairs projects including publication planning and execution, Medical Affairs strategic planning, analysis of clinical data, etc., for both mature and investigational products. At the completion of the fellowship, the fellow will have an in-depth understanding of the various roles within Medical Affairs and how the teams work together to accomplish overall Medical Affairs strategies and tactics.

Objectives

- Acquire knowledge and experience in the development and execution of Medical Affairs strategies.
- Enhance written communication skills through activities such as preparation of literature summaries, training materials, posters and publications.
- Strengthen oral communication skills through scientific exchange with internal and external colleagues via presentations including senior management and delivering a fellowship project presentation at regional and/or national professional meetings.
- Become proficient in working within complex, matrixed team environments by engaging with different departments including Regulatory Affairs, Pharmacovigilance, Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Field Medical, and Sales & Marketing.
- Develop research skills through analysis of published literature to create medical documents (scientific communications), contributing to interpretation of clinical study data, and through the development, completion, and presentation of a fellowship research project.
- Develop professional responsibility and leadership skills through department initiatives.



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Basil Mbelli, Pharm.D.
First Year Fellow

Medical Information - *Not Recruiting*

The post-doctoral fellow will become proficient in activities related to the Medical Information department. These include creating and updating global standard response letters, slide presentations, and Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy dossiers; responding to medical inquiries from healthcare professionals by conducting literature analyses and developing customized medical responses; managing call center operations; participating in promotional review meetings; and providing medical information support at scientific meetings.

Objectives

- Acquire knowledge and experience in the provision of Medical Information services.
- Enhance written communication skills through activities such as preparation of written clinical responses to medical information requests, literature summaries, and training materials.
- Strengthen oral communication skills through scientific exchange with internal and external colleagues via sales training presentations, presentations to senior management, and delivering a fellowship project presentation at regional and/or national professional meetings.
- Develop research skills through analysis of published literature to create medical documents (standard response letters and dossier), contributing to interpretation of clinical study data, and through the development, completion, and presentation of a fellowship research project.
- Develop professional responsibility and leadership skills through department initiatives and option to participate in professional organizations.
- Work cross-functionally within global medical affairs along with our partners in regulatory, legal, and commercial.



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Regulatory Affairs - *Not Recruiting*

This two-year, post-doctoral fellowship will help fulfill evolving requirements from health authorities by providing well structured, specialized, in-depth experiences in a corporate environment that will develop the competencies needed to meet the continuous challenges of the pharmaceutical industry. The post-doctoral fellow will also have the unique opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in clinical development by working closely with the Global Regulatory Leader and other project management team members in the development of new products or innovative life-cycle management activities for existing products. In general, the Sunovion-MCPHS industry fellowship program will provide a rewarding and valuable experience that will be integral in career development.

In addition to the core regulatory affairs function, the fellowship offers significant dual involvement in clinical development. The fellow will interact regularly with cross-functional teams (including members from clinical, medical, clinical operations, biostatistics, and medical writing) to support the development of clinical programs. The fellow will acquire a better understanding of the drug development process and the role of both regulatory affairs and clinical development through participation in various activities.

Objectives

- Development and implementation of regulatory strategy
- Review and approval of labeling and promotional materials
- Gathering and presenting regulatory intelligence
- Preparation for health authority interactions
- Providing scientific support for clinical development programs by researching, reviewing, and interpreting scientific information
- Conducting scientific analyses to enable strategy development and decision making
- Participating in the development of study protocols and clinical study reports
- Contribute to the development of clinical sections of regulatory documents (such as Investigator's Brochures, briefing books, periodic reports, IND/NDA/CTA submission documents, and responses to health authority queries)



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About Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) provides an academic environment to guide and support the fellows toward a successful career in the biopharmaceutical industry. As a private institution with a history of specialization in health sciences, MCPHS offers programs that embody scholarship, professional service and community outreach.

Through MCPHS, the fellow will have the opportunity to gain teaching and research experience in an academic setting. MCPHS faculty and company program leaders mentor fellows according to their scholarly and professional interests throughout the two-year program.



As an adjunct instructor at MCPHS, the fellow may have the opportunity to:

- Develop, coordinate and teach courses at the Boston, Worcester, or Manchester campus
- Co-precept students on advanced experiential rotations
- Create and publish scholarly research and/or review articles
- Present research at scientific and clinical meetings
- Participate in professional development seminars with other fellows and residents affiliated with MCPHS

Amee Mistry, Pharm.D.

**Professor of Pharmacy Practice,
Director, Biopharmaceutical
Industry Fellowship Program**



Dr. Amee Mistry is Professor of Pharmacy Practice and has been with MCPHS since 2006. Dr. Mistry earned her PharmD at the Albany College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 Community Practice Residency with Walgreens and MCPHS. In 2015, Dr. Mistry took over as Director of the MCPHS Biopharmaceutical Industry Fellowship program. She works directly with leaders in the area to continue to foster growth and development of the post-graduate program, and to assist the fellows in attaining positions within the pharmaceutical industry.

In addition, she is advisor for the student IPHO chapter at MCPHS, co-advisor for APhA-ASP, a national trainer for the APhA Pharmacy-Based Immunization training program, and is actively involved with the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association.

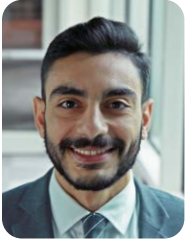
Aimee Dawson, Pharm.D.

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice; Academic Preceptor



Dr. Aimee Dawson is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at MCPHS. Dr. Dawson received her PharmD from the University of Connecticut and completed a PGY1 Community Practice Residency at Holyoke Health Center. Holyoke Health Center continues to serve as her practice site where she enjoys precepting ambulatory care APPE students and PGY1 residents within medication therapy management (MTM) clinics and transitions of care services. Dr. Dawson has been thrilled to serve as a preceptor for the Sunovion Biopharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program since its inception.

A Message from Current Fellows



“The Regulatory Affairs Fellowship at Sunovion is providing me with hands-on experience in a wide variety of regulatory

projects within regulatory strategy, CMC, and labeling. **During this fellowship, I am able to branch outside of regulatory and gain experience in medical writing and clinical development that will give me the knowledge to be a well-rounded regulatory professional in the future.**

The broad experiences I am gaining during this fellowship as a Regional Regulatory Lead will allow me to have a successful career in any area within regulatory affairs.” - **George Gayed**, Regulatory Affairs Fellow



“Having recently joined the Sunovion team, I have been surrounded by an immensely supportive cast of preceptors and team members who have

continuously worked to foster my professional and personal growth. This has allowed me to quickly integrate into the team and make an impact on providers and patients via scientific exchange.

While continuing to become proficient in activities relating to Medical Information, I am supported in pursuing my interests and working on cross-functional projects. I am proud to work at a company that is committed to improving the quality of life for those living with serious psychiatric and neurological conditions.”

- **Lottie Galvan**, Medical Information Fellow



“The Scientific Communication/Medical Affairs Post-Doctoral fellowship at Sunovion allows me to explore the various roles within medical affairs. **My experience so far has enabled me to strengthen my communication skills through scientific exchange with internal and external colleagues and working cross-functionally in a matrixed team environment.** The “open door, ask any question” policy here

at Sunovion allows me to thrive in my role as a fellow. In addition to this experience, the relationships I am forming will shape a successful path to a career in the pharmaceutical industry where I can continue to make a positive impact on patients’ quality of life.” - **Basil Mbelli**, Scientific Communication/Medical Affairs Fellow

Application Requirements

Eligibility

The MCPHS Biopharmaceutical Industry fellows will be selected on a nationally competitive basis. Applicants must have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy at the commencement of the program.

- Candidates must have strong written and verbal communication skills and a strong interest in pursuing a career within the biopharmaceutical industry.
- All candidates must have authorization to work in the United States throughout the duration of the one or two year fellowship. No visa sponsorship will be provided (i.e., TN, H-1B, STEM OPT, etc.).

Application Procedure

The MCPHS application portal (SMAApply) will open on **Monday October 3, 2022**. Applicants must upload the following application materials to the [on-line portal](https://mcpchs.smapply.io) (https://mcpchs.smapply.io) no later than **Friday, November 11, 2022**:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Unofficial college transcript
- Contact information of three references. References will receive an electronic recommendation form to complete separately.

Three recommendation evaluation forms must be submitted no later than **December 1, 2022** via the online portal. This is NOT a letter of recommendation but an online form that the recommender will receive for completion from SMAApply.

Rolling Application Review & Interviews

All submitted applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Interviews will also be offered on a rolling basis and opportunities are limited. Priority will be given to those applicants who apply early, well in advance of the deadline.

Rolling interviews will start mid-October with pre-screens and a mixture of interview rounds which will conclude in December at the end of the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Candidates will be notified if selected for an interview.

ASHP Midyear & Onsite Interviews

The fellowship program will be conducting **in-person interviews** at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Candidates attending in-person will not be able to interview without registering for both ASHP and PPS. Please refer to the ASHP & PPS website for registration details.

Top candidates may be invited for interviews at the sponsoring company's location pending COVID – 19 restrictions.

Offer Dates

Recognizing that the choice of a Post-Doctoral Industry Fellowship is an important decision, MCPHS in conjunction with the Academic Industry Fellowship Alliance (AIFA), has agreed to extend offers for Fellowships no earlier than **December 7, 2022**.

Onboarding

Final candidates will be required to go through additional screening / onboarding as required by MCPHS.

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