

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) through an interagency agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The fellow is considered a program participant and will not enter into an employee-employer relationship with CDER, FDA, ORISE, DOE, or any other office or agency.

Stipend: Awarded as monthly payments for the duration of the appointment.

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered, applicants must submit the following to ISMP: online application, cover letter expressing interest, resume/CV, transcripts, and three professional and/or academic letters of reference. To apply, go to: www.ismp.org/professional-development/fellowships.

Additionally, applicants must also submit the following to FDA/ORISE once the position has been posted on the ORISE website: online application, transcripts, resume/CV, and one educational or professional recommendation.

ABOUT THE FDA and ISMP



The **FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research** and the **Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology** perform

essential public health tasks by making sure that safe and effective drugs are available to improve the health of people in the U.S. The **Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA)** reviews proposed propriety names to reduce name confusion; identifies error-prone aspects of labels, labeling, and packaging of drug products to minimize error; and performs postmarketing surveillance of medication errors.

www.fda.gov/about-fda/fda-organization/center-drug-evaluation-and-research-cder.

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP)



represents over 25 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process.

www.ismp.org.



FDA/ISMP SAFE Medication Management Fellowship Program

A JOINT ONE-YEAR LEARNING
OPPORTUNITY IN
MEDICATION ERROR
PREVENTION

ABOUT THE FDA/ISMP SAFE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This fellowship program is a joint effort between the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA). The fellow will spend 6 months with ISMP located in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA, in Montgomery County, and 6 months with the FDA located in Silver Spring, MD.

The fellowship program gives experienced candidates an unparalleled opportunity to learn from and work with some of the nation's top experts in medication safety. The fellow benefits from ISMP's years of experience devoted to medication error prevention and safe medication use. At the FDA, valuable regulatory experience is gained by working with the division focused on medication error prevention.

DURING THE YEAR AT FDA AND ISMP THE FELLOW WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Learn how FDA reviews proposed proprietary names to reduce risk
- Learn how labels, labeling, and packaging can reduce risk
- Apply the techniques of Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
- Learn how FDA addresses medication error related issues associated with marketed drug products
- Write and review information for columns in journals and ISMP's medication safety newsletters
- Attend meetings relating to medication safety
- Assist in investigating errors reported to national error reporting programs
- Network with pharmaceutical, healthcare, legislative, and regulatory communities
- Follow up with manufacturers and regulators after learning about safety hazards
- Learn about worldwide medication-system problems and prevention programs
- Participate in original research and surveys on medication errors and prevention
- Contribute to site visits and safety consultations in different healthcare delivery settings

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be healthcare professionals who received their degree within the last sixty (60) months (5 years) and who have at least one year of postgraduate experience working in a healthcare setting or completed a residency program. Pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurses with risk management, quality improvement, or patient safety experience are welcome to apply. FDA and ISMP seek dedicated individuals with a strong commitment to improving medication safety, the ability to work in a fast-paced and often-changing environment, and a high comfort level with working independently or in a collaborative process.

For further questions, please contact:
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