

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program

2025 - 2027



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About Abbott Diabetes Care

As a global leader in diabetes care, Abbott is constantly working to deliver the highest quality products and unwavering support to our customers.

Consistent and accurate glucose monitoring is the foundation of any diabetes management plan, so we're committed to continuous improvement in the way patients and professionals measure, track, and analyze glucose levels.

Our science-driven products empower people living with diabetes. Through our innovative product development program, Abbott has developed many cutting-edge glucose monitoring technologies.

“WE’RE HELPING PEOPLE WITH DIABETES LEAD HEALTHIER, HAPPIER LIVES”



130+

DISCOVERING NEW
WAYS TO MAKE LIFE
BETTER FOR MORE
THAN 130 YEARS



160+

MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN OVER
160 COUNTRIES



113K

EMPLOYEES WORKING
AROUND THE WORLD
TO MAKE A LASTING
IMPACT ON HEALTH

Global Medical Affairs Fellowship

SUMMARY

The primary function of the fellow is to create and sustain the relevant connections with the diabetes scientific community to support the FreeStyle Libre family of products. The fellow will develop relationships and foster advocacy among targeted Key Opinion Leaders and will establish excellent clinical use practices and ongoing support for healthcare professionals. In order to develop commercially and clinically competitive products and services, the fellow will participate in product development teams, contributing clinical and use experience insights. This will be a remote position with the option to move to the Boston area for integration with Northeastern and fellows. If the fellow decides to remain remote there will be ample opportunity to travel to university related events.

JOB DUTIES

- Provide unbiased scientifically balanced information on Abbott's products to healthcare providers.
- Support medical and scientific affairs by providing product information expertise on a wide range of initiatives including medical review of promotional materials, staffing medical booths at scientific meetings and conferences, and supporting cross-functional activities.
- Develop strong literature searching skills and critically review published and unpublished clinical data regarding marketed and investigational products and/or therapeutic areas of interest to Abbott.
- Support the overall operations of a medical information function by participating in process improvement initiatives, tracking and reporting key operational metrics, and ensuring audit readiness.
- Collaborate with cross-functional groups across Abbott.
- With oversight from the Medical Science Liaisons (MSLs) and Medical Affairs Managers/Directors, participate in Core Teams, providing clinical insights for product development and creating content such as slide decks for the MSL team to utilize with their KOLs.
- With oversight from MSLs and Medical Affairs Managers/Directors, present scientific educational materials to KOLs, academic centers, and professional organizations to gain awareness, acceptance, and advocacy for products.
- Work with oversight from the Publications lead to support a publication strategy for products in the field.
- Support and coordinate activities, information, and resources with other personnel including taking minutes at each meeting to allow dissemination.
- Assist with medical content review for professional materials and key advocacy initiatives.
- Coordinate and execute regional educational programs.
- Attend key regional and national scientific and medical meetings.

Global Medical Affairs Fellows

First Year Fellow



Druti Shukla, PharmD, MHA
Rosalind Franklin University
of Medicine & Science

First Year Fellow



Nicholas Saad, PharmD, RPh
Midwestern University
College of Pharmacy

Preceptor



Michael Rickson, PharmD
Senior Manager Medical
Communications

Second Year Fellow



Shaliyah A. Sledge, PharmD
Howard University College of
Pharmacy

Preceptor



Susanna Robinson,
PharmD
East Regional Medical
Science Liaison Manager

Fellowship Leadership Team



Sara Giaimo,
PharmD
**National Medical
Science Liaison
Director**

“The value of having a fellowship program is what I experienced at several organizations I was honored to work for in my career. When I joined Abbott, I quickly realized that there was a distinct need for a fellowship program. I quickly visioned out my dream for a fellow and what could be accomplished. The fellow who joined quickly made my dream come true and executed flawlessly which has now led to us no longer looking at our fellowship as a pilot but a full in effect program. The impact of our fellow has far exceeded expectations and the value they brought is far beyond the initial design of this fellowship program.”



Michael Rickson,
PharmD
**Senior Manager
Medical
Communications**

“As a previous pharmaceutical fellow, I can confidently state the fellowship allowed me to gain a vast amount of experience in all facets of medical affairs, allowing me to grow in my career and develop into the role I am in now. The team at Abbott Diabetes Care is passionate, hardworking, and supportive, and it is truly a pleasure to be working alongside this group.”



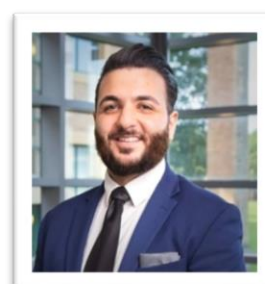
Richard Abaniel,
PharmD
**Manager Medical
Affairs**

“Completing the Abbott Diabetes Care Global Medical Affairs Fellowship has given me the skills and exposure I needed to become a successful and well-rounded Medical Affairs professional. I was able to take on projects that made a significant impact both within the department as well as cross-functionally. I am especially grateful for my mentors that have supported my professional growth, and the passionate team members always eager to collaborate and support.”



**Charles Benson
Lo, PharmD**
**Senior Medical
Science Liaison
Mid-Atlantic**

“The Abbott Diabetes Care Medical Affairs Fellowship aims to bring practical and real-world industry experience to talented healthcare professionals. The Fellow will be provided meaningful opportunities to develop their interests in a rapidly growing Medical Technology landscape while working on high-impact projects that support clinicians and patients alike. Additionally, the Fellow will engage alongside Medical Affairs team members in professional development activities to foster and support their career goals!”



Alex Khzouz,
PharmD, MBA
**Senior
Medical Science
Liaison
Northeast Region**

“A pharmacy fellowship is to your career what Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) is to diabetes care – a game-changer. Just as CGM has transformed the way care is delivered to people living with diabetes, a fellowship revolutionizes the way pharmacists are able to showcase their remarkable value. Embarking on this fellowship with Abbott Diabetes Care means that you will be stepping into a world where healthcare is being transformed through technology. Throughout the fellowship, Abbott Diabetes Care fellows will gain real-world experience and develop the skills that are crucial to a rewarding and lasting career in the medical device and pharmaceutical industries. As a former PharmD fellow and current Senior Medical Science Liaison, I can confidently say that obtaining and completing a fellowship will yield benefits that can last for an entire career.”

Medical Science Liaison Team



Alex Khzouz, PharmD, MBA
Territory: Northeast



Kandice Jones-Gairy, AGPCCNP
Territory: Southwest



Amanda Fridlington, DNP, CPNP, CDES
Territory: Mountain West



Michelle Yost, FNP-C
Territory: Midwest



Angela Green, PharmD, BCP
Territory: Upper Midwest



Nancy Kate Durham, DNP, FNP-C-BC
Territory: Southeast



Cindy King, PharmD, BCACP
Territory: Great Lakes



Nicole M. Rosenke, PharmD
Territory: South Central



Charles Benson Lo, PharmD
Territory: Mid-Atlantic



Stephen Willis, PA-C
Territory: Pacific Northwest



Eric Pinashin, PharmD
Territory: Pacific Southwest



Tamara McCants, PharmD
Territory: Atlantic

"Our medical affairs fellows bring an incredible amount of value to the entire division and to the medical affairs team as well. They have been key in launching and supporting our global medical affairs medical information platform along with providing assistance with development of scientific presentations and literature to disseminate to our US based health care providers while also collaborating cross functionally to assist colleagues within ADC on key initiatives and deliverables. They have truly been an integral part of our day-to-day operations."

"The fellow has been an integral part of supporting the MSL team through various projects and conferences. I value the bi-directional learning that has helped our team be more effective and aligned in the field."



Northeastern University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

Northeastern University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships Program is a two-year experiential program designed to advance lifelong learning and the education and training of PharmD graduates. Critical to the success of the program is our ability to prepare fellows to meet the ongoing workforce needs in various areas of industry.

Our program provides fellows an opportunity to work with our innovative biopharmaceutical industry partners while collaborating with Northeastern University faculty in the areas of professional and career development, service, scholarship, and teaching.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide the highest quality training for future biopharmaceutical industry professionals by combining industry expertise with Northeastern University's renowned tradition of lifelong and experiential learning.

CORE VALUES

- ☑ Innovation
- ☑ Lifelong Learning
- ☑ Social Impact Through Drug Development
- ☑ Quality Industry Pharmacy Training

FOCUS AREAS

LEARN

Pursue graduate degrees or certificates in Regulatory Affairs, Business, Public Health, and more through tuition reimbursement.

TEACH

Teach pharmacy students in various small and large group classes. Earn a Teaching Certificate of achievement.

RESEARCH

Perform research with faculty and students. Present data at conferences. Publish your findings. Generate literature.

NETWORK

Boston has a lot to offer, both socially and professionally. Our program takes advantage of it all!

Thanks to the collaboration and dedication of our industry partners over the course of nearly 10 years, our program is now the 3rd largest industry fellowship program in the nation.

OUR PROGRAM PILLARS

TEACHING & SCHOLARSHIP

Teaching and Learning Seminar Series provides contextual activities and reflection on adult education and pedagogy outcomes.

PROFESSIONAL & CAREER TRAINING

Professional Development and Career Training Series is customized to engage fellows in appropriate and professional conduct for success.

SERVICE

Through their service on committees, fellows have an active connection within the community and program. This allows an opportunity to demonstrate leadership development and skills.



Northeastern University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships Program provides a dynamic academic environment offering fellows the opportunity for a wide breadth of experiences.



PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Develop teaching skills through participation in our Teaching and Learning Seminar Series

Utilize a layered learning model in experiential education by co-precepting students on pharmacy practice experiences including Northeastern's unique co-op program

Facilitate small and large group didactic education in partnership with a faculty mentor

Create, present, and publish scholarly research through collaborative industry and university relationships

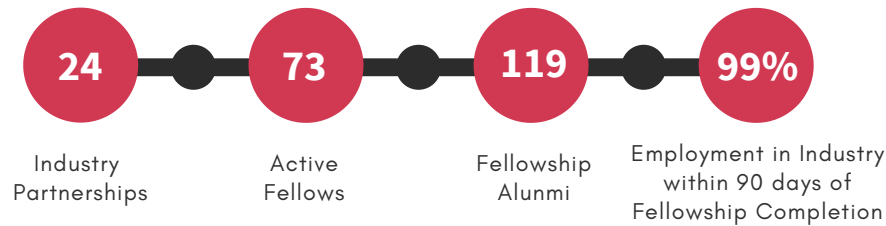
Engage with faculty who participate in various interdisciplinary graduate programs including biotechnology, nanomedicine, immunology, health informatics, and drug discovery

Network with local residents and other Northeastern fellows via professional development programs, teaching seminars, and participation on fellowship committees

OUR PARTNER COMPANIES

SINCE 2015

Through these exciting partnerships, Northeastern fellows collaborate and learn from each other, further positioning them to be successful in both academic and industry settings. Fellows are empowered to shape their experience, as well as the future of the program, through leadership on the Professional Development & Networking and Recruitment committees.



OUR TEAM



Andrew Orr-Skirvin

Faculty Director



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Clinical Professor
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WITH US!**

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Northeastern Pharmaceutical
Industry Fellowships

BOSTON, MA:

Northeastern University is in the heart of Boston, steps away from the famous Fenway Park and downtown Boston. Surrounded by top tier academic and research institutions, the area is home to pioneers of innovation who are committed to intellectual curiosity and scientific advancement. The greater Boston area is a cultural hub, offering world-class attractions and rich history.

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YEAR 1 FELLOWS



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Clinical Development



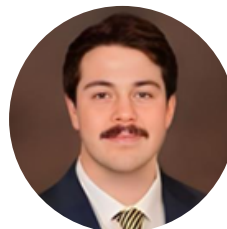
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Ironwood
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Regulatory Affairs



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YEAR 1 FELLOWS



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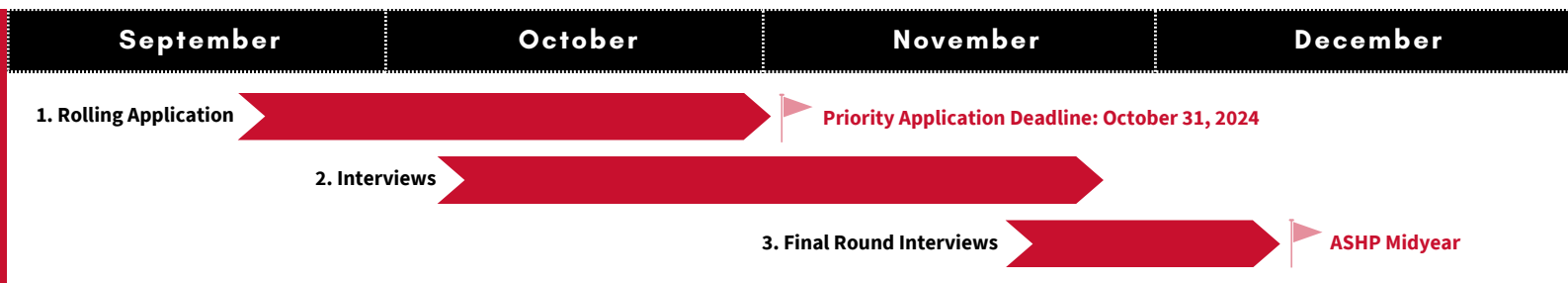
Sarah Casella, PharmD
Vertex
Global Medical Affairs



Northeastern University Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Fellows are selected on a nationally competitive basis. Unless otherwise noted in the position description, candidates must have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy by June 30, 2025. Candidates must apply through [Northeastern's career portal](#) and are encouraged to do so by the priority application deadline of October 31, 2024.



Step 1: Application	Step 2: Interviews	Step 3: Final Round Interviews & Offers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fellowship position postings go live on September 16, 2024. We will cross-post positions on ASHP's PPS website.Complete the application by October 31, 2024, for priority consideration for first-round interviews.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Phone screenings and initial interviews will be conducted with eligible candidates starting in early October into November.After the priority deadline, interviews will be conducted with both the sponsor company and Northeastern University.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final round interviews will take place virtually or in person during ASHP Midyear in New Orleans, LA. Visit midyear.ashp.org for event details.Northeastern University, in conjunction with the Alliance of Industry Fellowship Associates (AIFA), has agreed to extend offers for fellowships no earlier than December 16, 2024.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis – apply early!

Application Materials:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Unofficial PharmD Transcript
- Cover Letter

3 Letters of Recommendation:

- Highly encouraged to submit by **October 31, 2024**
- Official Deadline: **November 22, 2024**
- Email: PharmDFellowships@northeastern.edu
- Letter writers should submit one letter per candidate and indicate the companies of interest in the subject or body of the email

ADDRESS YOUR COVER LETTER AND 3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO:

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