

ABBOTT DIABETES CARE

Post - Doctoral Fellowship Program
2027 - 2029

 Northeastern University
Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships



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About Abbott Diabetes Care

As a global leader in diabetes care, Abbott Diabetes Care, a division of Abbott, is committed to improving the lives of people living with diabetes. Through the FreeStyle Libre portfolio, Abbott has transformed the way glucose is monitored, providing real-time insights that help people make more informed decisions about their health. Guided by science and driven by innovation, Abbott continues to advance diabetes management with the development of technologies that are practical, accessible, and meaningful for patients and healthcare professionals alike. These efforts reflect Abbott's commitment to advancing diabetes care and supporting better health outcomes and quality of life for people living with diabetes.

Our Promise

Helping people lead longer, fuller lives. Turning daily diabetes management into a background part of life, so people can focus on the moments that matter.

What Drives Us

Abbott delivers innovations in diagnostics, medical devices, nutrition, and trusted medicines. Our leadership in diabetes care reflects this broader mission, bringing technology like FreeStyle Libre to people, providing real-time insights that support healthier lives.

537M

Living with diabetes.

By 2045, this number is expected to rise to 783 million people around the world

60+

Countries with Libre.

Available in more than 60 countries, Libre continues to expand access to diabetes technology worldwide.

7M+

Libre systems users.

Millions of people trust FreeStyle Libre systems to track glucose and live fuller lives.

40+

Countries reimbursed.

With full or partial reimbursement in more than 40 countries, we're helping reduce cost barriers.



Fellowship Overview

Recruiting: 2 Fellows

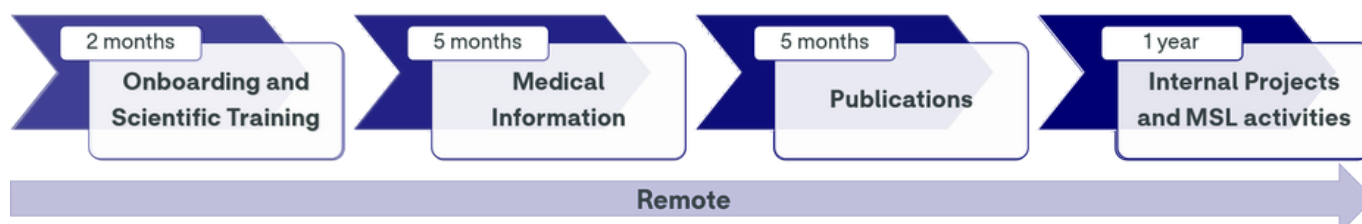
The Abbott Diabetes Care Global Medical Affairs Fellowship provides a comprehensive and immersive experience within Medical Affairs while supporting Abbott's industry-leading FreeStyle Libre portfolio. Designed to develop future medical and scientific leaders, the program offers broad exposure to key Medical Affairs functions through rotations in Medical Information, Publications, and Medical Science Liaison (MSL) activities.

Fellows also collaborate with cross-functional teams across the organization, gaining insight into how Medical Affairs partners with stakeholders to advance scientific innovation, support evidence-based decision-making, and improve patient outcomes in diabetes care.

Throughout the training, fellows have opportunities to engage with healthcare professionals, researchers, and Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs), supporting scientific exchange, medical education initiatives, and insight generation that help inform Abbott Diabetes Care's Medical Affairs strategy.

Through these experiences, fellows develop the knowledge, skills, and professional network needed for a successful career in Medical Affairs.

Timeline



Location

This will be a remote position with the option to move to the Boston area for integration with Northeastern and its fellows. If the fellow decides to remain remote, there will be ample opportunity to travel to university and company related events.



Global Medical Affairs

Year 1

Core Rotations & Medical Science Liaison Training

The first year of the fellowship consists of two core rotations in Medical Information and Publications. This format is designed to establish a strong foundation in Medical Affairs. Throughout the year, fellows will also participate in Medical Science Liaison (MSL) training, equipping them with the competencies needed to transition into field-based responsibilities during the second year.

Responsibilities

- Conduct literature reviews and critically evaluate scientific and clinical data to support Medical Affairs initiatives.
- Contribute to publication planning and the development of scientific materials, including abstracts, posters, manuscripts, and presentations.
- Respond to medical information requests by providing accurate, balanced, and evidence-based scientific information.
- Support scientific congresses, educational programs, and medical content review activities.
- Participate in comprehensive MSL training focused on scientific communication, stakeholder engagement, presentation skills, and field medical excellence.

Year 1 Fellows



Shayanne Casapao, PharmD
University of Southern California
Mann School of Pharmacy



Azhar Hussain, PharmD, DHA, MBA
Touro University
College of Pharmacy

Global Medical Affairs

Year 2

Medical Science Liaison Rotation

The second year focuses on developing the fellow into a successful field-based Medical Science Liaison. Fellows gain hands-on experience in scientific engagement through medical congress attendance, MSL ride-alongs, and strategic interactions with Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs). Building on their first-year foundation, fellows gain the confidence to lead scientific discussions and cultivate impactful KOL relationships.

Responsibilities

- Engage with healthcare professionals and KOLs through scientific exchange and relationship-building activities.
- Deliver non-promotional, scientifically balanced information on Abbott products and therapeutic areas.
- Support and attend regional and national scientific conferences, gathering insights and representing Medical Affairs.
- Develop and deliver scientific presentations to internal and external audiences.
- Function as an active member of the MSL team through field-based experiences, cross-functional collaboration, and progressive responsibility as an acting MSL.

Year 2 Fellows



Priscilla Ly, PharmD
University of Connecticut
School of Pharmacy



Samantha Denson, PharmD
University of Rhode Island
College of Pharmacy

Fellowship Leadership Team

Year 1 Preceptor



Edward Mahoney, PhD

Medical Communications Manager

"I've had the great pleasure of mentoring fellows throughout my previous roles in Medical Affairs, and I'm proud that several of them have gone on to build successful careers in pharmaceutical and/or medical device industries. Today, I continue this rewarding journey by mentoring four PharmD fellows at Abbott Diabetes Care, supporting their professional growth and helping them deepen their expertise in diabetes-focused Medical Affairs. Our Fellows program is truly robust and offers a wide range of opportunities to engage in impactful workstream initiatives—both within internal teams and in dynamic field-based roles. Watching their development firsthand is incredibly fulfilling and remains one of the most meaningful and enjoyable aspects of my current role."

Year 2 Preceptor(s)



Susanna Robinson, PharmD, CDCES

Regional Director, Medical Science Liaisons

"The Abbott Diabetes Care Fellowship Program connects you with professional mentors from a multitude of health disciplines that are recognized as medical experts and sincere patient advocates within the diabetes arena. Fellows are exposed to the evolving technologies that are improving the lives of people with diabetes. The fellowship program offers the opportunity to match your strengths and interests with a variety of activities and developments happening within the company. As one of the program mentors, it has been wonderful to witness the professional development of participants as they earn respect and recognition as valuable medical experts at the company."



Anniece Spencer, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, BC-ADM

Regional Director, Medical Science Liaisons

"I truly enjoy guiding fellows as they begin exploring the world of medical affairs. Helping them understand the MSL role and its impact is like opening the door to a whole new side of healthcare, one that blends science, strategy, and connection. It's a privilege to be part of their journey into industry."



Marilyn Staniland DNP, MBA, CDCES

Regional Director, Medical Science Liaisons

"Medical Affairs Fellowships are good for both fellows in training and the organization – the program provides structured, real-world experience, mentorship, and exposure to diverse functions across the industry to the fellow, while at the same time bringing in fresh perspectives and scientific curiosity to the organization. These programs help fellows develop expertise in scientific communication, medical strategy, evidence generation, and cross-functional collaboration while building strong professional networks. This accelerated learning environment enhances critical thinking and decision-making skills, positioning fellows for successful transitions into Medical Affairs roles."

Fellowship Leadership Team



Michael Rickson, PharmD

Director, North America Medical Affairs Excellence

"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."



Alex Khzouz, PharmD, MBA

Senior Medical Science Liaison- Health Systems and Payers

"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."



Richard Abaniel, PharmD

Medical Affairs Manager

Medical Informatics Lead

"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."



Druti Shukla, PharmD, MHA

Medical Affairs Manager

"As a former PharmD Global Medical Affairs Fellow at Abbott Diabetes Care, I gained invaluable experience through the diverse rotations offered within the program. The knowledge and skills I developed during the fellowship have been instrumental in my transition to a full-time role, allowing me to contribute confidently and continue growing within Medical Affairs. I am proud to say that Abbott Diabetes Care's fellowship is deeply committed to the professional development of its fellows and provides a strong foundation for long-term career success."



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 are 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.



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Industry Partnerships

74

Active Fellows

156

Fellowship Alumni

99%

Employment in Industry within 90 days of Fellowship Completion



OUR TEAM



Andrew Orr-Skirvin

Faculty Director



Amanda Scott

Faculty Manager



Sherisse Mayala-Nelson

Program Manager



Sophia Sawtelle

Senior Program Coordinator



Julia Van

Director of Corporate
and Foundation Relations



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Associate



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Fellowship Faculty Manager



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Clinical Professor
Fellowship Faculty Manager

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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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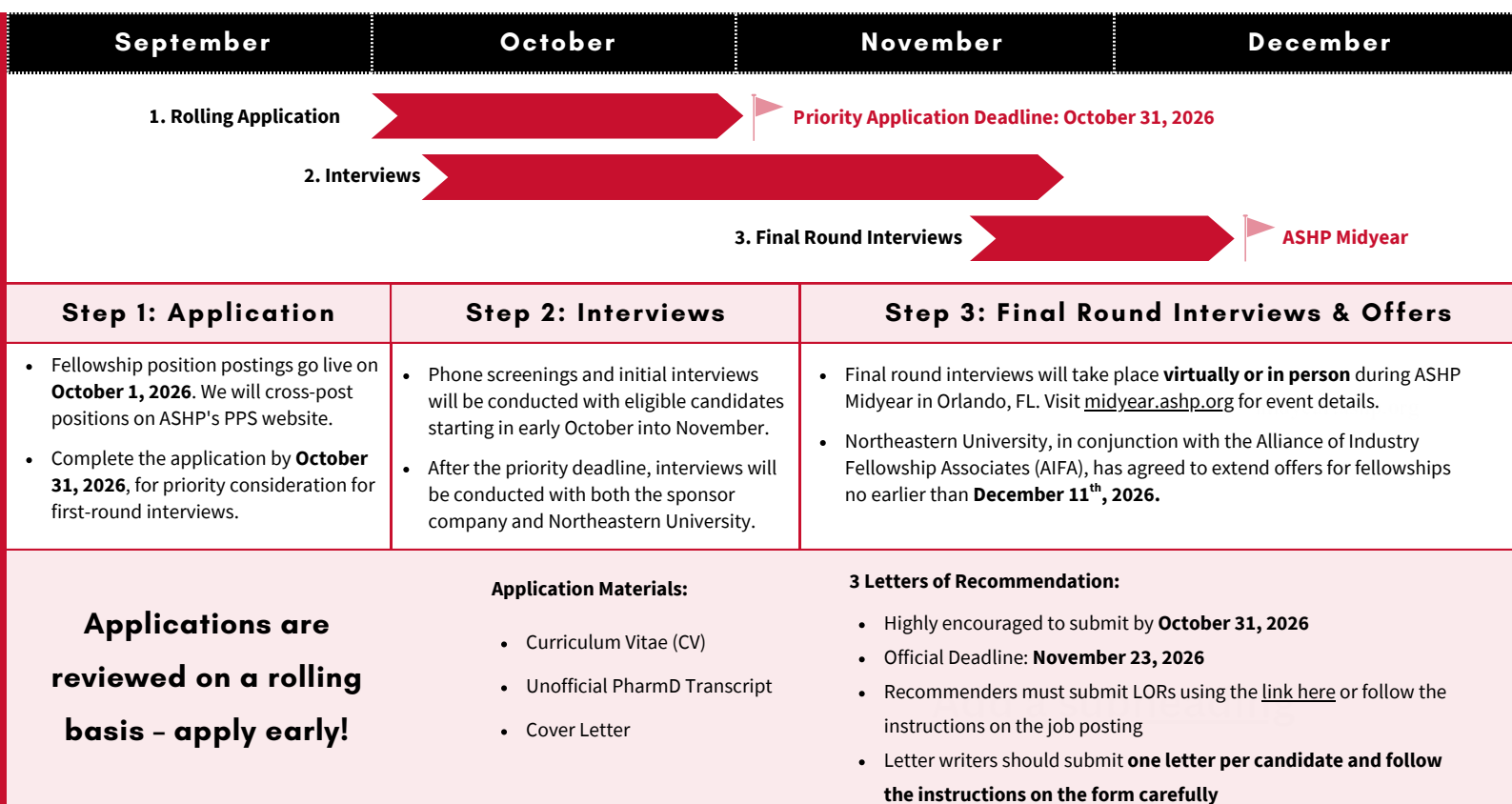


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Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships

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, 2027. Candidates must apply through [Northeastern's career portal](#) and are encouraged to do so by the priority application deadline of October 31, 2026.



ADDRESS YOUR COVER LETTER AND 3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO:

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For more information and fellowship resources:

Visit: a27p.com
 Visit: bouve.northeastern.edu/pharmacy/fellowships
 Email: PharmDfellowships@northeastern.edu

Please note: Northeastern University will not provide H-1B, TN, O-1, E-3, or any other type of employment visa sponsorship for the successful applicant to this position, now or in the future. STEM OPT is not compatible for this position. The successful applicant must be able to maintain valid work authorization in the United States throughout the entire appointment without Northeastern University's sponsorship for a visa.