

Medical Affairs Fellowships



ESHELMAN SCHOOL
OF PHARMACY

- **Application opens:** September 8
- **Early consideration ends:** October 15
- **Application deadline:** December 15
- **Length:** Two years

<https://pharmacy.unc.edu/education/fellowships/united-therapeutics-medical-affairs-fellowship/>

This postdoctoral fellowship program provides training and experience in the conduct of clinical drug trials, participation in clinical research projects under the direction of a UNC faculty member and an industry preceptor, didactic instruction in courses that supplement training and professional interests and exposure to ethical, legal and regulatory issues in research involving investigational and marketed drugs. Fellows participate in clinical research studies with faculty at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy during the first year of appointment and with members of the Global Medical Affairs team at United Therapeutics in the second year.

The ideal candidate should have a PharmD and possess strong analytical skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, good organizational abilities and evidence of leadership.

Program Description

The first year of the fellowship will be spent at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Fellows will be mentored by UNC faculty as they participate in clinical research studies.

The second fellowship year will be spent working with the Global Medical Affairs group at United Therapeutics. The company is located in the Research Triangle Park, a 15-minute drive from the UNC campus.

The fellowship provides

- networking forums with guest speakers for fellows to engage in discussion and build a strong professional network;
- the option to engage with the innovative and active curriculum at the nation's leading pharmacy school and complete a Teaching Certificate;
- the opportunity to develop expertise in the conduct of clinical drug trials;
- participation in original clinical research projects under the direction of a faculty mentor and industry preceptor; and
- didactic instruction in statistics and clinical drug design that supplements training and personal interest.

Fellows will learn to

- apply principles and applications of pharmaceutical product development from Phase I-IV studies to commercialization and product launch
- develop expertise in the conduct of clinical drug trials;
- perform Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats (SWOT) assessments to understand unmet knowledge gaps for marketed compounds; develop value propositions for new technologies entering clinical investigation;
- develop and execute tactical plans to address identified gaps. Tactics will include retrospective studies, real-world experience studies, Phase IV studies and database and payer claims studies;
- apply medical knowledge to generation of sales training materials and advisory board content and review of promotional materials;
- develop compliant publication plans for marketed compounds; and
- understand the role of third party educational activities for health care providers; review proposals to ensure funded programs advance patient care and are relevant to the company's interests.

This fellowship is sponsored in collaboration with United Therapeutics.



About United Therapeutics

United Therapeutics Corporation is a biotechnology company focused on the development and commercialization of unique products to address the unmet medical needs of patients with chronic and life-threatening conditions. Currently, the company's revenue-generating products are all in the field of cardiovascular medicine.

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To Apply

pharmacydptfellowships.web.unc.edu/ for instructions on submitting an application. The application site opens September 8. The deadline for early consideration is October 15. The final deadline to apply is December 15.

