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PHARMACEUTICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



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A message from Veronica Vernon

Dear Prospective Fellow,

On behalf of Butler University Pharmacy Practice Faculty and our industry partners, Eli Lilly and Company and Regeneron, thank you for your interest in the Butler University Fellowship Program. We desire to cultivate leaders who are innovative, proactive, and collaborative. Fellows gain valuable experience learning from outstanding faculty and industry leaders during the two years. During the time at Butler, you can expect to engage in meaningful research projects, teach in a variety of didactic and experiential settings, and learn the inner workings of academia. During the industry portion, there is a focus on real-world experiences in pharmacovigilance, medication error reporting, process improvement management, and project management. Fellows receive mentoring from a variety of leaders who focus on their personal and professional development. We hope to provide fellows with translatable skills that allow them to work in a variety of settings and positions post-graduation. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Veronica Vernon, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, MSCP, FAPhA

Associate Professor and Chair of Pharmacy Practice
Director, Pharmaceutical Fellowship Program
Butler University College of Health Professions
Indianapolis, IN, USA

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Meet the Fellowship Coordinator



Andrew N. Schmelz, PharmD, BCACP

Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice
Academic Experience Coordinator,
Pharmaceutical Fellowship Program

As Academic Experience Coordinator for the fellowship program, Andy oversees the academic portion of the fellow experience, working alongside faculty to shape research opportunities, teaching development, and mentorship throughout the first year. He currently serves as Chair of Butler's Faculty Senate, bringing a University-wide perspective on academic leadership and governance to the program. Andy is excited to help fellows build a strong foundation as they transition into their careers in medication safety and pharmacovigilance.

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About the Fellowship



The Butler Pharmaceutical Fellowship Program is a two-year multi-site fellowship offering learning experiences across academia, industry, and regulatory agencies. All three learning experiences are required. Throughout the program, fellows can expect to engage in various meaningful professional development opportunities, including completion of a teaching certification and conducting independent research projects,

while furthering their understanding of patient and medication safety.

About Butler



Located in Indianapolis, Indiana, Butler University is a nationally recognized university with seven academic colleges. In 2026, Butler was ranked the top regional university in the Midwest and Most Innovative School among Midwest Regional universities by U.S. News & World Report. At the Butler University College of Health Professions, you will find a community of health professionals committed to excellence. Our programs prepare students and post-graduate learners to become

leaders in their chosen fields. Butler University College of Health Professions has a variety of post-graduate residencies and fellowships, each designed to strengthen not only the professionals' specialty expertise, but also enhance teaching abilities in the classroom through faculty direction and mentorship.

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About Eli Lilly and Company



For 150 years, Lilly has developed and delivered trusted medicines to more than 71 million people around the world. Their growing portfolio of medicines includes treatments in the areas of cancer, diabetes, endocrinology, immunology, neuroscience, obesity and more. Lilly's Global Patient Safety organization, consisting of more than 300 physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other health care professionals, is dedicated to the collection, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of safety information through the science of pharmacovigilance.

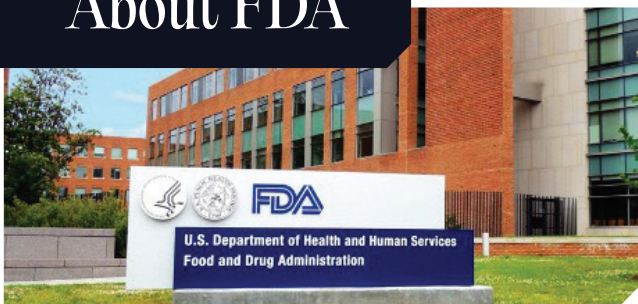
About Regeneron



Regeneron is a leading biotechnology company that invents, develops and commercializes life-transforming medicines for people with serious diseases. Founded and led by physician-scientists, our unique ability to repeatedly and consistently translate science into medicine has led to numerous approved treatments and product candidates in development, almost all of which were homegrown in our laboratories. Regeneron's medicines and pipeline are designed to help patients with eye diseases, allergic

and inflammatory diseases, cancer, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, neurological diseases, hematologic conditions, infectious diseases and rare diseases.

About FDA



The mission of the Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMEPRM) within FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) is to increase the safe use of drug products and improve public health by minimizing use error related to the naming, labeling, packaging, or design of drug products; and developing effective and efficient Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) for certain drug products that ensure the benefits outweigh the risks.

OMEPRM includes the Divisions of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA I and DMEPA II), the Division of Risk Management (DRM), and the Division of Mitigation Assessment and Medication Error Surveillance (DMAMES). As part of the FDA preapproval process for new drug products, DMEPA reviews and determines the acceptability of proposed proprietary drug names, container labels, labeling, packaging, product design, and human factors submissions to minimize the risk of medication errors. DRM, in collaboration with the FDA's Office of New Drugs, evaluates the need for a REMS and leads the evaluation of proposed REMS designs and REMS modifications. Following approval of a drug product, DMAMES leads the medication error pharmacovigilance program and collaborates with other disciplines to assess the performance and effectiveness of REMS to determine whether regulatory actions may be needed to ensure safe and effective use of drug products.

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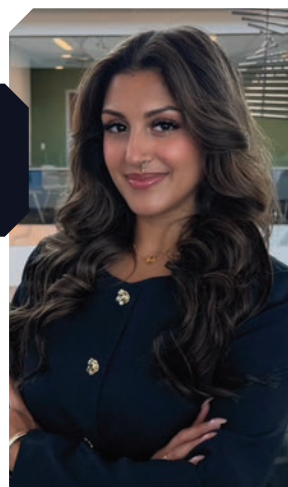
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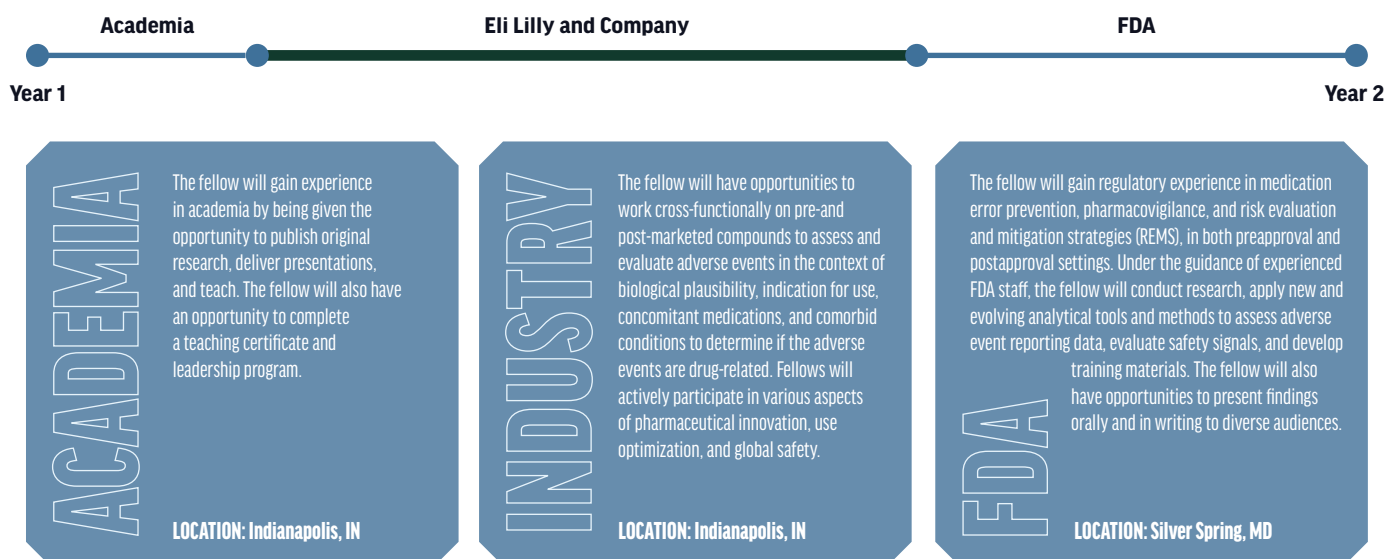
Two-Year Programs

Global Patient Safety and Pharmacovigilance

Actively Recruiting:
One Fellow for 2027-2029



Program Timeline



Eli Lilly and Company Second Year Fellow:

"This unique fellowship program offers the opportunity to grow professionally across various areas of medication safety, each contributing to a comprehensive foundation. Gaining expertise across multiple domains will strengthen my ability to become a well-rounded leader who is equipped to make meaningful contributions in any area of pharmacovigilance I choose to pursue. I'm excited to deepen my knowledge in each focus area and to collaborate with distinguished leaders whose mentorship will help me thrive both personally and professionally."

-Caroline Rahrig, PharmD



Eli Lilly and Company First Year Fellow:

"This fellowship program offers a strong foundation in pharmacovigilance, built through academic training at Butler University and hands-on experience at Lilly and the FDA. Each setting brings a different perspective, together providing a well-rounded view of the industry. What draws me most to this fellowship is the chance to gain the skills needed to strengthen patient safety on a global scale, and to do so alongside mentors whose guidance will shape both my career and my growth as an industry professional."

-Komal Kumar, PharmD, MBA, BS

Global Patient Safety and Regulatory



Actively Recruiting: One Fellow for 2027-2029

Program Timeline



ACADEMIA

The fellow will gain experience in academia by being given the opportunity to publish original research, deliver presentations and teach. The fellow will also have an opportunity to complete a teaching certificate and leadership program.

LOCATION: Indianapolis, IN

INDUSTRY

The Regeneron fellowship offers a unique opportunity to gain diverse experiences across several key functions within a leading biotechnology company. While developing expertise in patient safety and risk management, the fellow will also contribute to cross-functional initiatives in Regulatory Affairs and Trademark Naming. Working on products across multiple therapeutic areas and stages of development provides broad exposure to the drug development process and fosters a comprehensive understanding of the pharmaceutical industry that will prepare the fellow for a range of future career options.

LOCATION: Tarrytown, NY

FDA

The fellow will gain regulatory experience in medication error prevention, pharmacovigilance, and risk evaluation and mitigation strategies (REMS), in both preapproval and postapproval settings. Under the guidance of experienced FDA staff, the fellow will conduct research, apply new and evolving analytical tools and methods to assess adverse event reporting data, evaluate safety signals, and develop training materials. The fellow will also have opportunities to present findings orally and in writing to diverse audiences.

LOCATION: Silver Spring, MD



Regeneron First Year Fellow:

"This fellowship program offers the unique opportunity to explore the impact and role of medication safety in a variety of traditional and non-traditional settings, furthering my understanding of pharmacy and pharmacovigilance within industry and academia. Through this program, I have engaged with a variety of interprofessional disciplines and interacted with experts across different functional areas. I look forward to applying my skills meaningfully and continuing my professional journey."

-Ayla Danabasoglu, PharmD, MSHIA

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Application Process

Eligibility

To be considered for the Butler University Fellowship Program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Graduate of an Accredited Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)—accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program prior to the start of the fellowship term.
- Have a strong interest in pursuing a career in medication safety
- Citizen of the United States

Application Procedure

The Butler University Fellowship portal will open on **September 28, 2026**. Applicants must upload the following application materials to the online portal no later than **October 30, 2026**:

- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official college transcripts. Unofficial college transcripts can be used as a placeholder.
- Two letters of recommendation emailed to rxfellowships@butler.edu

All application materials will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Interviews

The fellowship program will conduct virtual interviews on a rolling basis and will conclude interviews at the end of November. Candidates will be notified if selected for an interview.

Fellowship benefits:

- Competitive stipend
- Reimbursement for relocation during fellowship and professional travel expenses
- Enrollment in Indiana Pharmacy Teaching Certificate (IPTeC) Program
- Vacation and University Holidays
- Optional Butler University benefits package (health, Rx, vision, and dental)

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FAQ

Do I need previous industry experience in order to be considered for the fellowship program?

- No, previous industry experience is not required.

Is licensure required for this fellowship?

- Yes, licensure must be obtained after the program begins, within the specified timeframe. However, there are no restrictions regarding the state in which the license is held.

Can I apply for more than one fellowship at Butler University?

- Yes, we welcome applicants to apply to explore all of the opportunities available at Butler University.

What is the timeline for the fellowship selection process?

- The Butler University application portal will open up on Monday, September 28th, 2026. Applicants must upload their letter of intent, CV, official transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be emailed to rxfellows@butler.edu.
- The application materials listed above must be received by Friday, October 30th, 2026; however, applications will be accepted and reviewed prior to the due date. Due to the competitive nature of the selection process, applicants are encouraged to submit their application materials as soon as possible.

To whom do I make out the letter of recommendation?

- Please address all letters of recommendation to the fellowship program director:

Veronica Vernon, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, MSCP, FAPhA
Associate Professor and Chair of Pharmacy Practice
Butler University College of Health Professions
Indianapolis, IN, USA

For any other questions, please contact rxfellows@butler.edu

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Fellowship Alumni



Irene Lin, PharmD, MPH
2020-2022

*Associate Director, Patient
Safety Scientist at Bristol
Myers Squibb
University of Minnesota*



Morgan Nicolas, PharmD
2020-2022

*Manager, Clinical Development
Trial Lead at Eli Lilly and
Company
The Ohio State University*



Karolina Cieslak, PharmD
2021-2023

*Associate Director,
Risk Management Scientist at
Eli Lilly and Company
University of Illinois Chicago*



Vraj Patel, PharmD
2021-2023

*Manager, Global Regulatory
Strategy, Oncology at GSK
University of North Carolina
Eshelman*



Zarnab Jillani, PharmD
2022-2024

*Manager, Regulatory Intelligence
at Regeneron
St. John's University*



Lauren Reinhard, PharmD
2022-2024

*Associate Director, Risk Management
Scientist at Eli Lilly and Company
University of Cincinnati*



Angela Neddeau, PharmD
2024-2025

*Medication Science Liaison at
Recordati Rare Diseases
Butler University*



Rachel Matthews, PharmD
2023-2025

*Specialist, DSPV Business Support
and Contract Management at Inmed
Incorporated
University of Florida*



Hanna Mosely, PharmD
2023-2025

*Associate Director,
Pharmacovigilance Scientist
at Eli Lilly and Company
University of Kentucky*



Jermya Jackson, PharmD, MPH
2024-2026

*Associate Director, Pharmacovigilance
Scientist at Eli Lilly and Company
Mercer University*



Sarah Leonard, PharmD
2024-2026

*Associate Manager, Global Patient
Safety Sciences at Regeneron
University of Michigan*



Margaux Meilhac, PharmD
2025-2027

*Associate Manager, Global Patient
Safety - QPPV Governance at
Regeneron
University of North Carolina
Eshelman*

**Thank you for considering the Butler University
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