

Fellowship Eligibility Requirements:

Ideal candidates will have obtained a PharmD, PhD, or MD. The fellowship is a two-year program that begins July 1. The fellowship offers a competitive stipend and provides health insurance, paid vacation, and compensation for travel and ancillary expenses to one professional meeting each year.

How To Apply:

Electronic submission is strongly preferred. Email the documents listed below to fellowships@unc.edu, with the exception of official transcripts. If electronic submission is not possible, you can mail your application materials to:

Fellowship Application – Dr. Dupuis
311 Pharmacy Lane, 3213 Kerr Hall,
CB# 7569
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7569



- A personal interest statement and how an appointment would affect your personal and professional growth.
- A curriculum vitae.
- Complete transcripts. Unofficial transcripts may be scanned and e-mailed for preliminary review. Official transcripts should be sent to the mailing address above.
- Three professional letters of recommendation
- The application deadline is January 1.

Interviews:

Optional informational interviews with PPD, UNC faculty and program alumni may be arranged at the ACCP and ASHP Midyear Meetings.

Next Steps:

Following review of application materials, you may be invited to interview at UNC and on-site with PPD. We will facilitate your travel to Chapel Hill if you are invited to interview. Fellowship interviews begin in early January and typically conclude in March. You will be notified of the final decision of your application as soon as possible.

For additional information regarding the fellowship please contact:

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Drug Development and Clinical Research Fellowship

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PPD is a global contract research organization (CRO) with more than 25 years of providing discovery, development and lifecycle management services. With offices in 44 countries and more than 11,000 employees worldwide, PPD has conducted clinical trials in over 100 nations. Our clients and partners include pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device, academic and government organizations. Through innovative technologies, therapeutic expertise and a commitment to quality, PPD helps its clients and partners maximize returns on their R&D investments and accelerate the delivery of safe and effective therapeutics to patients. PPD has offered the Drug Development and Clinical Research Fellowship since 1997 and has provided extensive training opportunities in different arenas of clinical research.

UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy

Located on the University of North Carolina campus in Chapel Hill, the school is one of five health science schools in the Division of Health Affairs at UNC. The school has a long and respected history of successful collaborative clinical and research accomplishments. Fellowships have been offered since 1980, thereby ensuring an experienced environment for program participants. UNC Hospitals, the University's teaching hospitals, provide primary and tertiary care and serve as one of the state's principle referral, diagnostic and treatment centers.

Year One

The fellow will spend the first year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in an original clinical research project under the direction of a clinical faculty member
- Develop a protocol, recruit and monitor patients or subjects, coordinate clinical studies, collect and analyze data, and prepare a manuscript
- Gain experience with analytical methodologies, drug disposition and metabolism, and PK/PD/PG.
- Fellows may also participate in selected coursework in: clinical research methods, clinical study design, biostatistics, advanced PK and PD, genomics, data management, advanced therapeutics, drug metabolism and molecular biology.

Year Two

The fellow will spend the second year in PPD offices, primarily at the Morrisville (RTP), N.C., campus. Based on our company model, the second year of the fellowship will take into account the fellow's strengths and skills to maximize his or her experiences with current and future company needs. The fellow will have a broad experience and will be exposed to many departments during several rotations (either sequential or parallel) that will be customized and adaptable based on the fellow's interest areas. The duration of each rotation is flexible and may be longitudinal depending on the fellow's area of focus. An introductory rotation will allow fellows to gain a basic understanding of PPD's core business.

Introductory Rotation: CRO Orientation/Operations

Objectives:

- Orient the fellow to all aspects of this full service CRO, including services provided (e.g., IND to NDA to post market projects)
- Experience all aspects of proposal development and contract preparation, including surveying the request for proposal (RFP), writing the proposal, development of the budget and possible attendance at presentation of proposal to sponsor
- Expose the fellow to monthly project team and senior management budget meetings
- Complete Clinical Foundation Training or equivalent training necessary to complete projects successfully
- Meet with different departments within PPD

Expectations/Experiences:

- Gain familiarity with PPD's corporate environment and general operations of a CRO
- Become familiar with PPD's different departments and their role within the organization
- Obtain basic understanding of business development process within PPD

Departmental Rotations



Proposed Groups/Rotations:

- Clinical development/project management
- Global product development
- Global regulatory affairs
- Global strategic proposal development
- Pharmacovigilance (safety)
- Pharmacokinetics
- Medical writing
- Strategic development

Objectives:

- Gain broad exposure to many departments within PPD potentially in a therapeutic area of interest
- Work on an interdisciplinary team to consult on client development programs from Phase I to Phase IV
- Provide medical support and drug information to global product development physicians and pharmacists or regulatory affairs professionals
- Conduct market analysis and competitive intelligence
- Complete a clinical trial landscape analysis of a disease state and/or drug class
- To experience all aspects of being a member of a clinical project team dedicated to clinical study within a therapeutic area of interest
- To assist in the project-specific training activities for the clinical project team (e.g., seminars)
- Work independently as associate/co-project manager and lead activities of the clinical development team
- Investigator recruitment and feasibility
- Regulatory document review and processing (case report form (CRF) design/protocol review, investigator grant development and negotiation exposure to IRB issues)
- Witness site monitoring visits for multiple sites according to FDA regulations and PPD SOPs
- Become trained as a clinical pharmacologist in the pharmaceutical industry setting

