GLOBAL HEALTH ECONOMICS AND OUTCOMES RESEARCH

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
UNIV OF WASHINGTON
2017-2019
ABOUT OUR COMPANY

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OUR WORLD-CLASS MANUFACTURING AND R&D NETWORK

GLOBAL HEALTH ECONOMICS AND OUTCOMES RESEARCH (GHEOR) MISSION

1. PRODUCT VALUE PROPOSITION
   ...outcomes research strategy based on product value, stakeholder needs & insights

2. EVIDENCE GENERATION AND TOOL DEVELOPMENT
   ...through clinical and health economics & outcomes research (HEOR) data

3. VALUE COMMUNICATION
   ...about evidence informing the value proposition to stakeholders
   ...informs health care decision making
ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The University of Washington is a world-class leader in health sciences education and has been consistently listed in US News and World Report as one of the top 10 institutions for its graduate programs. The University is particularly noted for its strong research programs and since 1974 has received more federal funds for research and training than any other public university in the United States. It fosters a highly collegial atmosphere between departments and academic units, creating a particularly attractive environment for such partnerships between the public and private sectors.

The Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program (PORPP) is housed within the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, which boasts nearly 120 years of academic and research success. Faculty in the program (1) provide advanced research training for graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and clinicians (PharmDs, MDs); (2) conduct rigorous scientific research in the pharmacoeconomics and outcomes of pharmaceuticals and other health technologies, and (3) translate and disseminate the results of research into clinical practice and healthcare policy, with the goal of improving patient care.

PORPP faculty participating in the fellowship have been chosen both for their dedication to teaching and their excellence in research. Each is trained either as a health economist or health services researcher and all have an extensive history of effective pharmacoeconomic and pharmacoepidemiologic research.
ABOUT OUR FELLOWSHIP

The Allergan/University of Washington GHEOR Fellowship is a two-year program that provides training and hands-on experience in a broad-range of health economics and outcomes research topics. The program is structured to allow fellows to gain proficiency in health outcomes strategy and research as conducted in both academic and pharmaceutical industry settings.

THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Allergan and the University of Washington are pleased to offer two, 2-year GHEOR Fellowship positions for the academic year 2017-2019. Fellows will spend their first year at the University of Washington (Seattle, WA), and the second year at Allergan (Irvine, CA). The objective of the first year is to educate fellows on the principles and methods used in health economics and outcomes research. During the second year, fellows are provided with opportunities to gain practical knowledge and experience with the use of clinical, economic, and humanistic data by supporting the development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products. This will be accomplished by participating in work activities undertaken by the GHEOR team.

Compensation includes a competitive stipend, basic medical insurance, and holiday/vacation time. A Master’s (MS) Degree is awarded upon completion of all course requirements and thesis project.

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FIRST YEAR OBJECTIVES

The objective of the first year is to provide the fellow with the research tools necessary for pharmacoeconomic and policy assessment. The fellow will be given an overview of pharmaceutical economics and general health policy, and taught methods of economic assessment, health services research, epidemiology, clinical research design, and biostatistical analyses.

The fellow will be assigned a MS thesis project which is selected based on input from both Allergan as well as the University of Washington mentors. Fellows are highly encouraged to complete their MS project during their first year. Additionally, fellows will also engage in ongoing projects with Allergan throughout their first year, applying skills from previous pharmacy training as well as integrating new techniques developed from University of Washington courses. Applying learning to solve real-world problems is a constant focus of the fellowship.

The fellow’s actual course of study will be developed on an individual basis with the Program Director, Dr. Beth Devine, but will consist of courses in biostatistics, epidemiology, pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research, and health and pharmaceutical policy.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST-YEAR, THE FELLOW WILL HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF:

• General principles of economics and in particular how economics influences the use, cost, and availability of pharmaceuticals.
• The complex structure of drug policy and how it determines relationships between consumers, health care providers, insurers, payers, and government agencies.
• The breadth and scope of analytical methods needed for the assessment of Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs), economic modeling, retrospective database studies, and observational studies.
• Formulary development, maintenance and evaluation in institutional, managed care, and state-level government programs.
SECOND YEAR OBJECTIVES

The second year of training will be at Allergan in Irvine, CA with the GHEOR department. This part of the program is designed to allow the fellow to learn about the role of pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research in the drug development and commercialization process within the industry setting. The research may be on an existing or experimental product, for a disease state that is of interest to Allergan.

In addition to completing individual research project(s), fellows will participate in ongoing pharmacoeconomic evaluations, outcomes research, and other projects in collaboration with the GHEOR team. These experiences will provide the fellow with opportunities to interact with team members in other departments at Allergan to learn how economic analyses and outcomes research are used throughout the pharmaceutical industry. Fellows will see firsthand how outcomes research is utilized to demonstrate the place of Allergan products in treatment pathways and its value.
GHEOR Fellowship Program 2017-2019

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MICHAEL SERBIN, PHARMD

Michael received his PharmD degree from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy (UWSOP) in 2016 and a BS in biomedical engineering from the University of Southern California in 2011. At UWSOP he worked as a research assistant and was recently published as a first author in the Journal of Managed Care and Specialty Pharmacy. Michael has interests in P&T decision-making, formulary development, and the application of economic modeling. He focused his 4th year PharmD clerkships on formulary development and wrote P&T submissions at Premera Blue Cross, UW Medical Center, and Providence Health. Michael competed in the AMCP P&T competition where his team placed as semifinalists nationally.

This year Michael is excited to start working with PORPP faculty and the GHEOR team at Allergan to improve his research and economic modeling abilities. For his thesis project, Michael will use the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey database to assess the societal burden of non-drop (surgery and other procedures) treatment of glaucoma in patients unsuitable for drop therapy.

SHEILA SHAPOURI, PHARMD

Sheila joins the UW/Allergan fellowship after receiving her PharmD from the University of Washington in 2016. Prior to pharmacy school, she worked as a research associate at the Allen Institute for Brain Science generating publicly available neuroscience and genetics resources now used by researchers worldwide. Although she has left the lab, her interest in improving health outcomes at a patient population level through targeted research continues. During pharmacy school, Sheila completed clinical clerkships at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), PATH, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There she engaged in the application of surveillance and outcomes data to guide healthcare decisions and policy at a national and global level.

Sheila participated in the AMCP P&T Competition and her team placed as semi-finalists nationally.

Sheila is looking forward to the opportunity to work with the PORPP faculty and Allergan team while gaining the advanced training necessary to become an effective health economics and outcomes researcher. For her thesis project, she will be building a predictive model for 30-day hospital readmissions or ER re-visits among patients with acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI).
Sarah Baradaran, PharmD, MS

Sarah received her doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Washington (UW) School of Pharmacy in 2015. During the first year of her fellowship, she was involved in a pharmacogenomic evidence project with her colleagues at UW, under mentorship from Professor Beth Devine. She also completed her thesis project entitled “The identification and characterization of acute kidney injury (AKI) associated with systemic polymyxins in the management of severe gram-negative infections.”

During her second year of the fellowship, Sarah has worked in the infectious disease therapeutic area. She is performing additional analyses to estimate the association between healthcare utilization, cost and acute kidney injury. She will also begin supporting a project that will be an expansion of her thesis utilizing electronic health records. Sarah is excited to apply her clinical and research skills on various projects throughout the second year of the fellowship.

Abstracts from Fellowship:

Manuscripts from Fellowship:

Amy Tung, PharmD, MS

Amy received her PharmD degree from the University of Washington (UW) in 2015. During the first year of her fellowship, she completed her thesis titled “Characterizing Healthcare Utilization, Direct Costs, and Comorbidities Associated with Interstitial Cystitis: A Retrospective Claims Analysis” under the mentorship of Professor Beth Devine.

During the second year of the fellowship, Amy has worked in the urology therapeutic area. After submitting her thesis as a manuscript to the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy, she has been analyzing data from a prospective burden of illness study on nocturia to understand the association between frequency of nocturia episodes and quality of life. In tandem, she is conducting a claims analysis to estimate the opioid burden in the interstitial cystitis population as well as working with cross-functional departments to solicit feedback from global Health Technology Assessment (HTA) experts on Allergan’s evidence synthesis and strategy plans for LiRIS®. Amy is excited to apply her training in health economics and outcomes research in the industry setting during the second year of the fellowship.

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APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for this fellowship must have a degree in pharmacy or health-related discipline and have some research experience (preference will be given to those with a high academic standing). Excellent written and verbal communication skills are also essential. Applicants will be required to submit their curriculum vitae, a letter describing their career goals, and three letters of recommendation. Selection of fellows will be made by a steering committee composed of the University of Washington faculty members and representatives from Allergan.

DEADLINE

The application deadline is December 15, 2016 and the start date of the Fellowship is July 1, 2017.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Interested students must apply to both the University of Washington Graduate School, as well as the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program. The online application process can be found at:
http://sop.washington.edu/department-of-pharmacy/pharmaceutical-outcomes-research-policy-program-porpp/fellowship-opportunities/

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