

# Postdoctoral Medical Affairs and Scientific Communications Fellowship Program

2024–2025



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In partnership with Rosalind Franklin University



Dear Prospective Fellow,

We would like to thank you for your interest in our Postdoctoral Medical Affairs Fellowship focused on Scientific Communications. This program is a unique partnership between Horizon Therapeutics and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

At Horizon, the fellow will learn from and work with members of the Scientific Communications team housed within Horizon Medical Affairs, focusing in an assigned therapeutic area. The fellow will also serve as a clinical instructor to students at Rosalind Franklin University's College of Pharmacy.

The purpose of the fellowship is to provide postgraduate training and experience for launching a successful career within the industry, coupled with opportunities in teaching, scholarly research and publishing.

We hope you strongly consider the fellowship opportunities available at Horizon as an investment in your professional development and growth.

We wish you the best of luck during the recruitment process.

Sincerely,

Temeka Borden, Pharm.D.

Senior Manager  
Medical Information  
Horizon Therapeutics plc

# Fellowship Description

Horizon Therapeutics, in partnership with the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, College of Pharmacy offers a one-year postdoctoral fellowship in Medical Affairs with a focus on Scientific Communications. The fellow will play an active role in communicating with health care practitioners and consumers. The fellow will learn how to create and develop standard response documents and other communication materials, as well as play an active role in the medical information contact center including responding to unsolicited scientific inquiries. Furthermore, the fellow will participate in medical review of promotional materials, publication planning, health economics and outcomes research, and data analysis. Additionally, the fellow will receive an appointment at Rosalind Franklin as an adjunct faculty member and participate in both didactic teaching and experiential course work with pharmacy students. This dual-setting fellowship is organized to provide experiences leading to advanced professional skills in medical affairs and scientific communications for pharmacists.



## Practice Site Locations

**Rosalind Franklin University**  
3333 Green Bay Road  
North Chicago, IL 60064

**Horizon Therapeutics**  
1 Horizon Way  
Deerfield, IL 60015

## PAST FELLOWS AND POST-FELLOWSHIP ROLE



**Meron Mezgebe, Pharm.D.**  
Medical Science Liaison  
at GlaxoSmithKline—  
Immunology  
Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow  
2018–2019  
Mercer University,  
College of Pharmacy



**Julianne Haddad, Pharm.D.**  
Senior Manager, Medical  
Affairs Training Excellence  
at Horizon  
Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow  
2019–2020  
Keck Graduate Institute,  
School of Pharmacy and  
Health Sciences



**Vishal Patel, Pharm.D.**  
Senior Medical Science  
Liaison at Sanofi—Neurology  
Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow  
2020–2021  
University of Illinois  
at Chicago, College  
of Pharmacy



**Julie Shiyayo, Pharm.D.**  
Medical Science Liaison  
at Teva Pharmaceuticals—  
Neurology  
Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow  
2021–2022  
University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill, Eshelman School  
of Pharmacy



**Sara Tanveer, Pharm.D.**  
Medical Science Liaison  
at Biogen—Biosimilars  
Horizon Postdoctoral Fellow  
2022–2023  
University of Arizona,  
College of Pharmacy



# About Horizon Therapeutics

**At Horizon, we believe science and compassion must work together to transform lives.** Horizon is a global biotechnology company dedicated to delivering breakthrough medicines to those living with rare, autoimmune and severe inflammatory diseases around the world. At Horizon, we uniquely understand the patient journey because for us, it's personal. Led by CEO Tim Walbert, who lives with a rare disease and an autoimmune disease, many of us at Horizon know a patient, are a patient or have been deeply moved to action through a patient story. This awareness fuels every decision we make and shapes who we are, from the medicines we develop to the communities we support.

## **OUR PIPELINE IS PURPOSEFUL**

Our research and development (R&D) mission is clear—we apply scientific expertise and courage to address the most challenging needs. We also utilize extensive research experience to target, design and execute R&D programs to deliver medicines that will have a profound impact on underserved patients who have few, if any, options. Our approach allows us to develop breakthrough treatments and maximize the potential of our commercial medicines. We follow what the data tell us, evaluating how to maximize each molecule's scientific potential and the profound impact it may have on a patient's life.

## **WE ARE LEADING SCIENCE TO BUILD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES**

Our impact goes beyond our medicines. We are personally invested in the lives of those our medicines help, from diagnosis through ongoing treatment. We listen, collaborate and create services and programs throughout each phase of care. Our ultimate goal—designing and delivering a compassionate and personalized experience for each patient.

We know our responsibility goes beyond our patient communities to the global communities where we live and work, which is why we've built corporate social responsibility into the very foundation of our company. We work hand in hand with the community, and we place special emphasis on endeavors that fall within our four pillars of giving: healthcare, STEAM, environmental sustainability and innovation. Horizon's portfolio of partnerships is focused

on empowerment and allyship—funding inspiring programming around the world that seeks to bring about systemic change through purposeful giving.

For Horizon team members around the world, going to incredible lengths is just what we do.

## **WE ARE PROUD TO BE DIFFERENT (AND DIFFERENCE MAKERS)**

At Horizon, we know that disease does not discriminate. We embrace the bold ideas of one another, foster a sense of belonging and value diversity. We attract and develop diverse talent because we believe that when people from different backgrounds and life experiences come together, we make lives better. Only through this inclusive behavior can we unlock the power of innovation and create unique solutions that meet the needs of the patients, caregivers and medical professionals we support.

## **WHAT MATTERS MOST**

For us, success is measured by the numbers that matter most—the number of lives we touch, the number of lives we change and those we work tirelessly to help save.

The outcomes we attain for patients—and the lengths we go to achieve them—reflect our company ideals and our relentless commitment to the communities we serve. By pushing ourselves to live up to our own potential, we are helping others live up to theirs.



# About the Fellowship

The fellowship program aims to provide a diverse year for each fellow with exposure to a variety of experiences and networking opportunities while providing the ability to contribute to meaningful projects. The goal is to prepare the fellow for success in multiple types of biopharmaceutical careers. The one-year program will include longitudinal experiences in Medical Information, Medical Review, Publications, and Health Economics Outcomes Research (HEOR). As the Scientific Communications department is closely integrated to other functions within Medical Affairs, additional project opportunities may arise based on need and/or fellow interest.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

As part of the Medical Information department, the fellow will gain in-depth knowledge of Horizon's medicines. They will develop the necessary skills to serve as an information liaison with external clinicians and other Horizon colleagues.

The fellow will act as a two-way scientific information exchange resource in providing fair-balanced and accurate responses to external clients. They will work closely with the medical information contact center in responding to unsolicited requests from health care providers and patients.

The fellow will be responsible for maintaining current and accurate reference materials for Medical Affairs staff, as well as standard and custom response letters in accordance with all Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and regulatory guidelines. The fellow will also conduct interpretive literature searches and oversee the weekly departmental newsletter.

## **MEDICAL REVIEW (PROMOTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE)**

The fellow will gain an understanding of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidances regarding prescription drug communications. Under the guidance of a preceptor, the fellow will review promotional and non-promotional materials from a medical perspective and attend Promotional Review Committee (PRC) meetings.

## **GLOBAL MEDICAL PUBLICATIONS**

Within the Medical Publications team, the fellow will gain an understanding of publication planning and its impact on the overall business. The objective for the fellow is to understand the process of creating a publication through project inception, data review and working with other stakeholders. The fellow will be responsible for the identification of data gaps within an assigned therapeutic area and ultimately lead the development of an abstract and poster for presentation at a medical conference to address the gaps.

## **GLOBAL HEALTH ECONOMICS OUTCOMES RESEARCH**

Throughout the fellowship, participants will have the opportunity to engage in various outcomes research projects, including retrospective claims database analyses, electronic health record studies, economic modeling, and qualitative research, among others. As part of the HEOR rotation, fellows will have a comprehensive understanding of generating clinical, economic, and humanistic evidence and effectively communicating their findings to diverse stakeholders. Additionally, fellows will gain insight into how our research initiatives support the development and commercialization of Horizon products.

Fellows will be responsible for supporting and leading various HEOR projects, which will involve active participation in project meetings and discussions and providing feedback throughout all stages of the study, including study design, protocol development, data analysis, interpretation of findings, and publication. Fellows will have ample opportunities to collaborate with and engage cross-functionally within Medical Affairs and other teams, such as Clinical Development, Market Access, Commercial, and Medical Publications.



### **CURRENT FELLOW**

**Lejla Cukovic, Pharm.D.**  
Horizon Postdoctoral  
Fellow 2023–2024  
Rosalind Franklin University  
of Medicine and Science,  
College of Pharmacy



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# About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Formed in 1912 as the Chicago Hospital-College of Medicine, today Rosalind Franklin University (RFU) brings together five colleges and over 30 graduate health profession and science programs. Our private, non-profit university teaches a range of disciplines on a single campus, allowing for team-based, interdisciplinary learning and practice opportunities—an approach that has made RFU a national leader in interprofessional medical and health care education and research.

## TEACHING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

An integral part of many pharmacy career pathways is the education of pharmacy students, pharmacists, and other health care professionals. The educational aspect of a pharmacy career may occur in a variety of settings, including the classroom, experiential, continuing education programs, in-services, and grand rounds, to name a few. The profession needs to develop excellent educators equipped to train the next generation of pharmacy practitioners.

During the Teaching Certificate program, RFU hopes to improve the fellows' experiences, strengthen their teaching abilities, and make them more competitive in the job market. The Pharmacy Teaching Certificate program at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) provides a premier educational program that addresses the needs of pharmacy postgraduate training programs affiliated with the University.

This year-long program is designed to educate participants on a variety of topics relevant to a career in pharmacy and education. This includes attendance and participation in a lecture series on pedagogy topics. In addition, formal teaching experience will be required, including didactic teaching, small and large group recitations, pharmacy skills laboratory facilitation as well as introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experiential teaching. As part of the program, participants will be granted a faculty appointment in the College of Pharmacy. Upon completion of the program, the fellow will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to educate students and health care professionals regardless of the setting. Additionally, the program will help the fellow become more competitive in applying for positions with education/training responsibilities.



# Application Process

## Eligibility Requirements

- Completion of a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm.D.) at an ACPE-accredited institution
- Completed application
- Interest in scientific writing and literature evaluation



## Application Requirements for First-Round Virtual Interview

- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of intent
- Unofficial graduate transcripts



## Additional Application Requirements for On-Site Interview if Offered

- Two letters of professional recommendation
- Official graduate transcripts



Completed applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. To be considered for a first-round interview, applications should be submitted by Friday, October 27, 2023.

Email application materials to [fellowship@horizontherapeutics.com](mailto:fellowship@horizontherapeutics.com) with subject line: Your Name – Fellowship Application.



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