

Outcomes Research Fellowships

The Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center (PORC), and the University of Utah College of Pharmacy, provides a post-doctoral Fellowship in Outcomes Research and Pharmacoeconomics. The Fellowship is designed to provide training and experience at an academic outcomes research center to accomplish the following goals:

- To educate the fellow on outcomes research principles and applications, and their use in evaluating health care products and services;
- To provide experience in designing research studies which examine economic, clinical and humanistic outcomes; and
- To provide the training and experience necessary for the fellow to practice outcomes research in a pharmaceutical company, academic institution, managed care organization or healthcare facility.

Fellowships are generally two years and include both years at PORC, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fellowship Description

The majority of the Fellowship will be spent working on outcomes research and pharmacoeconomics projects. The Fellow will be involved in all phases of the projects including proposal development, hypothesis generation, planning, data collection, data analysis, and generation of reports, presentations, and manuscripts. It is expected that the Fellow will present at least one abstract at a national meeting, such as AMCP, ASHP or ISPOR, and submit at least one manuscript for journal publication from work completed during the first year, and continue to make similar contributions in the second year.

Anticipated Activities

Fellows are expected to participate in all areas of PORC research projects. In the beginning of the year they will work under the direct supervision of faculty and second year Fellows. As they progress through the Fellowship they will be expected to demonstrate independence in developing or completing each of the following:

- Concept sheets and proposals including budgets
- IRB applications
- Analysis plans
- Preparation of a data set
- Analyses
- Reports and manuscripts
- Poster and podium presentations

Current and Recent Fellows

- *Joanne LaFleur, PharmD* - Dr. LaFleur is a graduate of the University of Utah College of Pharmacy. She completed her Fellowship, and an M.P.H. She joined the PORC faculty in 2005.
- *Vijay Joish, B.Pharm., Ph.D.* - Dr. Joish received his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Economics, Outcomes Research and Policy from the University of Arizona, and a M.S. in Pharmacy Administration from Idaho State University. He also received a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Bombay. He completed his Fellowship in June, 2004 and joined PORC as a Research Assistant Professor. He currently works for Sanofi-Aventis.
- *Mei-Jen Ho, Pharm.D., M.P.H.* - Dr. Ho is a graduate of Rutgers University College of Pharmacy and completed her Fellowship, and an M.P.H. in 2005. She is currently completing additional training in Medical Informatics at the University of Utah.
- *Qayyim Said, Ph.D.* - Dr. Said received his Ph.D. in health economics from the University of Utah. He completed his fellowship in September 2004 and joined as a Research Scholar with the Primary Care Research Center, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, and Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacotherapy at the University of Utah. He currently works for the University of Arkansas.
- *Sameer R. Ghate, B.S., M.S.P.H.* - Mr. Ghate received a B.S. degree from the University of Pune in India. He then completed an M.S. in Public Health (Health Services and Outcomes Research) at the University of Louisville. He completed the first year of his Fellowship with TAP Pharmaceuticals and completed his second year at PORC in June, 2007. He joined the PORC faculty as a research associate in July, 2007.
- *Mark Roper, Pharm.D., M.B.A.* - Dr. Roper received his Pharm.D. from Shenandoah University in 2006 and joined PORC as a first year Fellow during the summer of 2006.
- *Jaewhan Kim, Ph.D.* - Dr. Kim received his Ph.D. in health economics from the University of Utah with a focus on health insurance and pension. He joined PORC as a first year fellow during the summer of 2007.
- *Richard Nelson, Ph.D.* - Dr. Nelson received his B.S mathematics and economics at Westminister College followed by an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Virginia. He joined PORC as a first year fellow during the summer of 2007.

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