

Amgen 2027-2028 Physician Pharmacovigilance Fellowship Program



About Amgen



FOUNDED
1980



OF PATIENTS REACHED
~15 million
ANNUALLY



GLOBAL HQ
Thousand Oaks,
California, USA



EMPLOYEES
~ 28,000

Portfolio



Pharmacovigilance Fellowship

This fellowship is designed as a 1-year academic and pharmacovigilance fellowship where the fellow will spend time at Rutgers University and Amgen concurrently.

The fellowship program will provide a comprehensive learning and hands-on experience. Fellows will be rotating across several sub-functions within the Global Patient Safety organization to obtain broad exposure to pharmacovigilance activities.

The goals of this 1-year educational fellowship is to prepare the fellow to:

- Gain awareness of drug safety processes, governing regulations and global compliance obligations, the application of principles of pharmacovigilance, and the value in creating safer medicines for patients
- Gain experience in various areas of pharmacovigilance, including pharmacovigilance operations, signal management, case management, and therapeutic area safety
- Apply and integrate clinical knowledge and experience into safety evaluations
- Enhance the ability to critically evaluate, interpret, synthesize, and present safety data in a clear and concise manner through written and verbal communication
- Successfully complete well designed role-specific training and apply it in day-to-day work.

Fellowship Application

- MD or DO from an accredited medical school with completed residency
- Clinical/medical practice experience preferred



- For more information, please visit: <https://pharmafellows.rutgers.edu/physicians/>



Training Opportunity for Physicians Interested in Pharmaceutical Industry as Career Path

Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship (RPIF) Program

Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy (EMSOP)

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

The RPIF Program has thrived under the leadership of the founder, Dr. Joseph A. Barone, Dean and Distinguished Professor of EMSOP, Dr. Carolyn Seyss, the Executive Director for the Institute for Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships, and is supported by a team of RPIF alumni experienced in the Pharmaceutical Industry.



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Program History

1984

EMSOP and 2 pharmaceutical companies began a first-of-its-kind collaborative pilot program to evaluate the potential contributions of clinically- trained pharmacists within a pharmaceutical industry practice setting. Following the successful pilot, the RPIF Program grew significantly and expanded to now include 26 companies within the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry with almost 300 Fellows.

2002

Dr. Ernest Mario generously provided an endowment to establish RPIF as an Institute to enhance and promote the role of pharmacists in industry through the RPIF Program. The Institute staff members:

- Create the Fellowship structure, providing strategic leadership and administrative support
- Promote quality, communication, scholarly activity, and professional development
- Arrange specialized training opportunities within the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry

2018

RPIF expanded to offer interdisciplinary Fellows' training by adding physician Fellowship opportunities to our well-established program.

2023

The RPIF Certificate is recognized with special credentials so our alumni can now proudly identify themselves as RUCIF (Rutgers University Certified Industry Fellow).

Well over 1,900 Post-Doctoral Fellows have completed the RPIF Program, most of whom are experiencing influential and rewarding careers in the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry throughout the US and abroad. The RPIF Program has Preceptors and Mentors from industry who share their knowledge and experiences with the Fellows through an intense but closely-guided training program. Assignments and projects are challenging, meaningful, and designed to enhance understanding of the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry and the Fellow's functional area(s). Our goal is to provide the environment for Fellows to build the foundations to fuel their careers as future leaders in the industry.

Professional Development Series

All Fellows gather once monthly as a group to participate in the Professional Development Day (PDD) series, an important component of their training that complements the hands-on experience provided at the sponsor companies. The PDDs are steered by a committee of Fellows and are designed to enhance the Fellows' leadership skills such as emotional intelligence, communication, critical decision making, and presentation skills. Fellows develop skill sets under the guidance of external trainers and accomplished RPIF alumni. PDDs also provide general knowledge about various aspects of drug development/ commercialization and issues facing the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry, and promote connectivity and a sense of community among Fellows and alumni from different companies and disciplines.

The Fellows can learn from each other through individual and group presentations on topics and issues related to the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry. In addition, outside experts provide training and professional development in a variety of areas (e.g., tools for corporate success, professional writing, presentations, meeting facilitation, negotiating, influencing, networking, conflict resolution, giving and receiving feedback, and business etiquette). Other PDD guest speakers include senior industry executives, including our successful RPIF Program alumni, who share their career paths, insights, and experiences. Importantly, PDDs provide an excellent opportunity for Fellows to interact with each other and develop lasting personal friendships and a strong professional network of Fellows, faculty, alumni, and other industry executives.

Key Program Features

RPIF FOSTERS the growth and development of future pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry professionals and leaders through:

F	Family of Leading Companies Partners include several top global pharmaceutical/biopharmaceutical companies and offer large to small company environments.
O	Outstanding Alumni Track Record Well over 1,900 alumni hold prominent positions at many leading companies, including VP and C-suite levels.
S	Strong Network Fellows develop valuable, lasting connections with each other, alumni, Preceptors, and Rutgers EMSOP faculty.
T	Trusted and Proven Since 1984 The Rutgers Fellowship Program is nationally recognized, trusted, and proven as the key pathway to industry, developing foundations for future leaders.
E	Enhanced Career Development Breadth of experiences informs career path choices, increasingly challenging assignments build depth of experience, and visibility creates opportunities - enhancing the potential for accelerated career paths.
R	Rigorous Academic Component Rutgers affiliation provides academic and professional development opportunities, and adjunct faculty appointments at EMSOP.

Because of its relationship with and close proximity to most of the nation's leading pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies, EMSOP and the RPIF Program are uniquely capable of providing Fellows with advanced training in the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is one of the major state university systems in the United States. EMSOP is part of Rutgers Health and is located on the University's main science and technology campus in Piscataway, New Jersey.

While RPIF offers all the benefits of a large program with an extensive network of distinguished professionals, Fellows receive the individual attention of a small program where they are known and supported as individuals.

Application Process and Eligibility Requirements

Physician Fellows for the RPIF Program are selected on a nationally competitive basis. Candidates must have an MD or DO with clinical experience such as completed residencies or fellowships preferred before July 1 of the fellowship term.

HOW TO APPLY:

The RPIF Program is highly competitive. Candidates will be selected for interviews on a rolling basis, so we strongly encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

Interested candidates may submit their application with short-answer questions and supporting materials (letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and 3 letters of recommendation) as soon as **October 14, 2026** by visiting our website at: <https://pharmafellows.rutgers.edu/physicians/how-to-apply/>

All application materials must be submitted electronically to the RPIF website per instructions on the site.

REQUIRED ITEMS:

SUBMIT BY:

Application with short-answer questions	Tuesday, October 20th
Letter of Intent (LOI)	Tuesday, October 20th
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Tuesday, October 20th
Letters of Recommendation (LORs)	Tuesday, December 1st

ADDRESS LOI AND LORs TO:

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"My experience as an RPIF Fellow has been one of the most meaningful and transformative parts of my professional journey, providing countless opportunities for growth while reinforcing the importance of giving back to the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy community. I am grateful to draw upon my nontraditional experiences prior to pharmacy school to mentor, support, and advocate for our RPIF Fellows, encouraging them to embrace their own unique backgrounds as strengths in their professional careers. Investing in their professional and personal development is especially rewarding because today's Fellows will become tomorrow's leaders, advancing innovations that improve the lives of patients and strengthen the communities we serve."

John (Eun Sik) Cho, PharmD
Global GMP QA Strategy



"I am incredibly grateful for the personal and professional growth I have experienced as a Rutgers Fellow. Through RPIF and my partner company, I have been able to learn from inspiring mentors, collaborate with talented peers, and pursue opportunities that have accelerated my development. Being surrounded by such a supportive fellowship community has made this experience especially meaningful and has helped me feel prepared and excited for the future!"

Brynn Gilbert, PharmD
Medical Communications



"It is hard to put into words how much this fellowship has meant to me in just my first year. RPIF has challenged me to grow, think differently, and embrace opportunities I never imagined having this early in my career. Knowing that my work has the potential to impact patient care on a global scale has been incredibly rewarding, and I am excited to see how RPIF continues to shape my career and growth as a leader. I encourage future fellows to take advantage of everything the program has to offer because the experiences you gain and the relationships you build will shape your future."

Hillary Anne Reeves, PharmD
Late-Stage Clinical Development



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