

Opportunity Title: FDA Bioequivalence of Complex Generic Products Fellowship

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Organization U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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- One educational or professional recommendation

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Description *Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.

CDER Office/Lab and Location: A research opportunity is available in the Office of Generic Drugs/Office of Research and Standards (ORS), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in Silver Spring, Maryland.

This research project is related to topical, transdermal and transmucosal products to understand the formulations that have been approved under abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) and NDAs. The project will also identify and develop in vitro, in vivo, or in silico techniques that may be capable of determining how various complexity factors can impact the bioequivalence of test products to their respective reference product. It will identify potential scientific gaps in the application of novel technologies for characterizing the bioequivalence of complex generic products.

Research Project: Under the guidance of the mentor, the participant will gain a comprehensive understanding of the scientific and regulatory challenges that must be considered when establishing bioequivalence for complex generic topical, transdermal and transmucosal drug products. This will include combination drug-device products with device components that may themselves have degrees of complexity in design. In addition, the participant will gain knowledge in collaborating with cross-disciplinary teams to develop novel in vitro, in vivo, and/or in silico study designs for establishing bioequivalence with these products.

This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and FDA. The initial appointment is for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of FDA contingent on the availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. The appointment is full-time at FDA in the Silver Spring, Maryland, area. Participants do not become employees of FDA, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits.

Completion of a successful background investigation by the Office of Personnel Management is



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- Non-employee nature of the ORISE appointment;
- Prohibition on ORISE Fellows performing inherently governmental functions;
- Obligation of ORISE Fellows to convey all necessary rights to the FDA regarding intellectual property conceived or first reduced to practice during their fellowship;
- The fact that research materials and laboratory notebooks are the property of the FDA;
- ORISE fellow's obligation to protect and not to further disclose or use non-public information.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should have received or be currently pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields (e.g. pharmaceutical science, pharmacology, pharmacy, or a related area). Degree must have been received within the last 5 years.

Preferred skills:

- Drug development research or pharmaceutical industry knowledge
- Familiarity with formulation development and characterization of drug products and analytical techniques

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([1](#) )
 - **Engineering** ([1](#) )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([1](#) )

Affirmation I have lived in the United States for at least 36 out of the past 60 months. (36 months do not have to be consecutive.)