

**Opportunity Title:** FDA Strategic Planning and Design Thinking Fellowship  
**Opportunity Reference Code:** FDA-CDER-2023-1222

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

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A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcripts – Click [here](#) for detailed information about acceptable transcripts
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- One educational or professional recommendation

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

If you have questions, send an email to [ORISE.FDA.CDER@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.FDA.CDER@orau.org). Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

**Application Deadline** 3/31/2023 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

A research opportunity is available in the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ), Immediate Office (IO) at the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), located in Silver Spring, Maryland. CDER performs an essential public health task by making sure that safe and effective drugs are available to improve the health of people in the United States. As part of the FDA, CDER regulates over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including biological therapeutics and generic drugs. This work covers more than just medicines.

The project seeks to apply design thinking to analyze and study business processes, content management, data management and analytics for assessment, inspection, surveillance, policy and research activities that contribute to strengthening overall pharmaceutical quality.

Under the guidance of the mentor, the participant will be trained on the following topics:

- Pharmaceutical quality and the concept of one quality voice
- Strategic planning and operations of pharmaceutical quality
- Design thinking and product design
- Strategic communication

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



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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 required for an applicant to be on-boarded at FDA. OPM can complete a background investigation only for individuals, including non-US Citizens, who have resided in the US for a total of three of the past five years.







FDA requires ORISE participants to read and sign their FDA Education and Training Agreement within 30 days of his/her start date, setting forth the conditions and expectations for his/her educational appointment at the agency. This agreement covers such topics as the following:

- 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 a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in one of the relevant fields, or be currently pursuing the degree with completion before March 31, 2023. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

## Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 3/31/2023 12:00:00 AM.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (4 )
  - **Engineering** (1 )
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (48 )
  - **Mathematics and Statistics** (3 )
  - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** (2 )
  - **Social and Behavioral 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.)