

Opportunity Title: FDA Pharmacy Compounding Regulatory Analysis Fellowship

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

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- An application
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- 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. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

Application Deadline 6/12/2026 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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

FDA Office and Location: A research opportunity is available immediately with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Compliance (OC) / Office of Compounding Quality and Compliance (OCQC), Division of Compounding 3 (DC 3) located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (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 U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), CDER regulates over-the-counter and prescription drugs, including biological therapeutics and generic drugs. This effort covers more than just medicines.

Research Project: The goal of this research project is to gain scientific and regulatory knowledge of the intricacies of regulating human drug compounding generally. You will research topics related to the regulation of human drug compounding, including, but not limited to specific bulk drug substances that are used in compounding, advancing FDA's development of the Bulk Lists of substances that can be used in human compounding.

Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of the mentor, you will gain skills and confidence in making scientific presentations; learn how to collect and compile clinical information; and learn the principles of scientific analysis. You will research specific bulk drug substances that are being evaluated by FDA, advancing FDA's development of the Bulk Lists of substances that can be used in human compounding. This may include providing summary data and analysis of available scientific literature, comprehensive literature searches, and summary and analysis of key findings.

Mentor: The mentor for this opportunity is Kemi Asante



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(kemi.asante@fda.hhs.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research, please contact the mentor.

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: September 2026. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

Appointment Length: The appointment will initially be for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of FDA and is contingent on the availability of funds.

Level of Participation: The appointment is full-time.

Participant Stipend: The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience.

Citizenship Requirements: This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR) only.

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 participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. 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 Ethics Requirements

If an ORISE Fellow, to include their spouse and minor children, reports what is identified as a Significantly Regulated Organization (SRO) or prohibited investment fund financial interest in any amount, or a relationship with an SRO, except for spousal employment with an SRO, and the individual will not voluntarily divest the financial interest or terminate the relationship, then the individual is not placed at FDA. For additional requirements, see [FDA Ethics for Nonemployee Scientists](#).

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

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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 be currently pursuing or have received a doctoral degree in the one of the relevant fields. Degree must have been received within the past 48 months, or is anticipated to be completed by June 2026.

Point of Contact [Ashley](#)

Eligibility • **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen

Requirements • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree received within the last 48 months or anticipated to be received by 6/30/2026 11:59:00 PM.

- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([2](#) )

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.)

AND

I have read the FDA Ethics Requirements.