

Opportunity Title: FDA Data Science and Visual Analytics Fellowship

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

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How to Apply 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. Your application will be considered incomplete, and will not be reviewed until one recommendation is submitted.

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

If you have questions, send an email to ORISE.FDA.OC.other@orau.org. Please include the reference code for this opportunity in your email.

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

A research opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Office of Public Health Strategy and Analysis (OPHSA) in Silver Spring, Maryland.

FDA is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through regulation of a wide range of products including medical products, food and tobacco. OPHSA is located in the Office of Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs, in the Office of the Commissioner. OPHSA serves as a resource to the Agency for quantitative and qualitative research and analysis on emerging issues and for advancing work on priority public health initiatives. OPHSA does this through its work on initiatives such as opioids, drug pricing, and transparency, as well as by developing and executing research to link agency activities and outputs to public health outcomes.

Under the guidance of a mentor, potential training projects for OPHSA ORISE fellows include:

1) Contribute to the development of visual analytical dashboards in Python, Qlik Sense, or Tableau; 2) data analysis of complex, large relational datasets in Python or other analytical tools. As part of these projects, the participant will be involved in scripting ad-hoc and novel solutions in Python.

In addition and under the guidance of a mentor, Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in the following:

1. Analytical visualizations of data from National Poison Control Centers

FDA uses consolidated data from all poison control centers in the US to better understand the potential harm experienced by millions of Americans following exposure to drugs, dietary supplements, or other substances regulated by the Agency. The participant will have opportunities to increase their understanding of the process to undertake improvement of an existing visual analytical platform, with real-time data updates, for Agency-wide use.

2. Analysis and visualization of FDA approved first generic drugs and their impact on competition and pricing

Participants will collaborate with established FDA personnel in data analysis (and visual analytics) for a multi-phase study that seeks to determine the characteristics and marketing status of all first generics approved by FDA since 2010, as well as their impact on generic drug competition and pricing.

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 required for an applicant to be on-boarded at

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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 be currently pursuing or have received a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in computer science, data science, or related fields. Degree must have been received within five years of the appointment start date.

Preferred skills:

- Strong foundational knowledge and experience in Python including: data science packages (e.g., pandas and numpy); managing PostgreSQL databases (e.g., psycopg); ability to create data/analytical visualization in Flask and Dash/Plotly; and ability to set up and call APIs/webservices (SOAP and REST) in Python (e.g., zepe) and other methods
- Experience working with SQL in large relational datasets (e.g., PostgreSQL)
- Familiarity with data visualization tools such as Qlik Sense and Tableau
- Experience conducting quantitative research (primary data collection, secondary analysis, mathematical modeling, etc.) and in the public health sector
- Clinical or scientific background, such as RN, PA, MD, PharmD, or PhD
- Demonstrated ability to conduct research independently and collaboratively

Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (16 )
 - **Engineering** (27 )
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (1 )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (46 )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** (11 )
 - **Nanotechnology** (1 )
 - **Other Physical Sciences** (12 )
 - **Physics** (16 )