FDA Commissioner’s Fellowship Program

http://www.fda.gov/commissionersfellowships/default.htm
Fast Facts About FDA

• Science-Based Regulatory Agency
• Organized by Product Area
• 223 Field Offices Around U.S.
  – 13 Field Laboratories
• Over 12,000 Employees
• Physicians, Pharmacologists, Toxicologists, Microbiologists, and Other Scientific Professionals
• $ 3.2 Billion Annual Budget (Proposed FY 2010)
Scope of FDA’S Mission

- Food
- Drugs
- Vaccines/Blood
- Dietary Supplements
- Animal Foods & Drugs
- Toxicological Research
- Biotechnology
- Medical Devices/ Radiological Products
- Cosmetics

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FDA White Oak Campus, Silver Spring, MD

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“Chain of Command”

President

Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)

FDA Commissioner

FDA Offices and Centers

Pres. Barack Obama

Sec. Kathleen Sebelius

Commissioner
Dr. Margaret Hamburg
Centers and Offices

- Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH)
- Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)
- Office of the Commissioner (OC)
- Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)
- Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
- Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)
- National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR)
- Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA)
- Office of Tobacco Products (OTP)
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Overview
Vision from the Fellowship Program

- Best and brightest, new science and scientists
- Challenge convention
- Exposes Fellows to all FDA centers and offices
- A program for Preceptors as well as Fellows

- Dr. Torti, Report to the Science Board, 2/24/2009
General:
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- 2-Year Program (October 2010 – October 2012)
- Rigorous Didactic Coursework
  - Specific to concepts related to the FDA
- Regulatory Science Research Project
  - Under the supervision of an established FDA Preceptor
The Fellowship Program

Curriculum and Projects
Semester 1: Core Introductory Courses

- FDA and Public Policy
- FDA Law
- Negotiation and Influencing
- Ethics and Decision Making
- Beyond Our Borders
- Conflict Management Skills
- Briefing the Boss: Presenting to Senior Executives
- Building Leadership Credibility
- Decision Making for Leaders
Semester 2:

- Statistical Methods and Applications
- Population Science/ Epidemiology
- Clinical Trial Design and Evaluation

Summer Session:

- Investors View of Drug Development (An MBA Course)
Semester 3: Core Functions and Science of The Centers and Offices

- Devices and Radiological Health
- Foundations of Toxicology
- Understanding Biologics and Their Evaluation
- Understanding Drugs and Their Evaluation
- Food and Nutrition Safety
- Surveillance and Operations
- Animal and Human Health: An Inseparable Link
Semester 4:

- Process Control Engineering and Chemistry
- Risk Assessment / Risk Management
- Case Studies in Translational and Regulatory Science
- Elective (to be determined)
Research Project:

A hypothesis driven project guided by a senior FDA Preceptor:

• Detailed research proposal
• Oral presentation and final report
• 60-70% time
• Can be regulatory or laboratory based
Project Examples:

- International Clinical Trials Harmonization in Medical Device Regulations for Human Participant Protections (CDRH)
- Engineering HIV Protein gp120 for the Rational Design of an HIV Vaccine (CBER)
- Science Policy and Outreach in Regenerative Medicine (OC)
- Mechanisms of Oncogenesis - Investigation of p53 and Interacting Pathways for Targeted Therapy and Biomarker Potential (CDER)
- Disposition of Selected Veterinary Drugs in Edible Aquatic Species (CVM)
- Development of a Rapid Approach for Identification of Foodborne Bacterial Pathogens (CFSAN)
- Ahead of the Challenge - Setting up a Regulatory Standard for Proteomics Data Submission and Evaluation (NCTR)
Class 2008 Degree Breakdown

- 8 Ph.D.
- 3 M.D.
- 1 D.V.M.
- 2 B.S.
- 44 M.P.H.
Class 2009 Degree Breakdown

- Ph.D. Only: 2
- M.D. Only: 3
- M.D. Ph.D: 1
- Ph.D M.P.H.: 1
- D.V.M.: 1
- M.S.: 1
- Ph.D D.V.M.: 40

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The Application
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Eligibility:

• US Citizen
  – Non-citizens must been admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence before the program start date

• M.D., D.O., D.V.M., D.D.S., D.P.M., Pharm. D., or Ph.D.
  – All PhD requirements must be completed by 9/30/10
  – M.S or B.S. in Engineering may be accepted
What You Need to Do.....

- Permanent residence if you are not a U.S. Citizen.
- Verification of foreign degree if your degree is completed outside of U.S.
- Electronic copy of your Resume/CV in Word, Word Perfect, or PDF.
- Three references and their contact information.
- Personal Statement
  - Your educational and professional experience
  - What has driven you to apply to the FDA Commissioner’s Fellowship program.
  - What you would bring to the FDA
  - How you believe this fellowship will help you reach your short and long term career goals.
  - One page, single-spaced, 12-point font.
- Electronic copy of your transcripts
  - Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- Select up to ten preceptors from the list who you would be interested in working with.
All the Information is on our website

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Key Dates

- December 15 – April 15 – Applications Accepted
- June – Interviews
- June – July – Applicants Notified of Their Standing
- October – Program Start Date
Pay and Benefits

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- Stipend will be determined by Human Resources.
  - Expected range is $65,000 - $110,000
- Federal Government Health Insurance Programs
- Federal Government Retirement Programs (TSP)
- 2 weeks/year Vacation
- 2 weeks/year Sick leave
- No Housing Allowance or Relocation Assistance
- No Student Loan Repayment
Questions?

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