How to Apply

The fellowship begins annually in July. Interested individuals should submit by e-mail his/her current curriculum vitae, a letter describing career objectives, a professional writing sample, and a list of three references whom we may contact, to the following addresses by January 31st, 2011:

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# Benefits

The fellowship provides a competitive stipend, tuition remission for Masters-related course work, and medical and dental insurance. Vacation, sick days, and reimbursement for travel to fellowship-related meetings are also provided.

# Eligibility

The Fellow will be selected on a competitive basis from a national pool of candidates with scientific and/or clinical training in health care. Candidates must have scientific or clinical training in health care (examples include nursing, medicine, public health, pharmacy), a master’s or doctoral degree, and a stated interest in Health Economics and/or Outcomes Research. A steering committee made up of faculty from Thomas Jefferson University and Ethicon will select the Fellow.

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Graduates of the program will be well prepared for positions with medical device companies, pharmaceutical companies, health care systems, or public and private insurance organizations.
Program Objectives

• Educate the Fellow regarding health economics and outcomes research principles and the application of these principles to research supporting development and adoption of new medical devices, including drug-device combinations.

• Educate the Fellow on healthcare payer systems and disease management principles and practices.

• Provide the training and experience necessary for the Fellow to conduct health economics and outcomes research in a variety of health care enterprises.

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involvement in health policy and outcomes includes outcomes management, health economic research, clinical evaluative sciences, and health services research. The School is proud to have one of the oldest and most established outcomes research fellowship programs in the country. To date, more than 30 individuals have graduated from School fellowships and have been successful in their pursuits of careers in the healthcare industry, health insurance industry and consulting.

Jefferson School of Population Health enjoys a collaborative relationship with Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals. Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals have 957 licensed acute care beds, with major programs in a wide range of clinical specialties. Services are delivered among four locations including—Center City, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, Methodist Hospital and Jefferson HealthCARE in Voorhees, New Jersey, and various therapy satellite locations throughout the region.

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During the first year, the Fellow will work at the Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH) at Thomas Jefferson University in Center City, Philadelphia. There, the Fellow will manage assigned outcomes research projects. It is planned that at least one of these projects will be conducted in conjunction with Ethicon.

The Fellow will be encouraged to engage in scholarly activities such as scientific publication, presentation, and attendance of at least one scientific conference each year. The Fellow will have the opportunity to develop writing skills through authorship of manuscripts for publications edited by JSPH, including P&T, Biotechnology Healthcare, American Journal of Medical Quality, Population Health Management, and the Health Policy Newsletter. Networking is also an important activity during the first year, as the Fellow will interact with decision-makers from both within the University and a broad variety of organizations, including pharmaceutical and device manufacturers, health plans, and other employers. The Fellow will regularly meet with JSPH faculty and staff to discuss research projects and academic experiences, and will be assigned to a faculty mentor during the first year. The Fellow will also be provided with opportunities to shadow key personnel involved in medical device purchasing and decision making within the Jefferson Health System. Completion of master’s level coursework at Jefferson is a formal component of this Program and serves to develop the knowledge and skills required for health economics and outcomes research.
The Second Year – Ethicon, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company

The second year of training will take place at Ethicon’s world headquarters, located in Somerville, New Jersey. During this time, under the guidance of an Ethicon preceptor, the Fellow will work directly with the Health Economics and Reimbursement staff at Ethicon to further their educational objectives through applied experience in health economics and outcomes research. In addition to project work, the Fellow will participate in meetings to share his or her work, and further develop networking and presentation skills.

Evaluation

Throughout the two years, quarterly meetings will be held with preceptors and mentors from both Ethicon and Jefferson. The purpose of these meetings is to assess the Fellow’s progress and to ensure that program objectives are met. During these meetings, the program itself will also be evaluated to ensure that relevant experiences are incorporated into the Fellow’s activities.

Thomas Jefferson University

Thomas Jefferson University, an academic health center, was founded as Jefferson Medical College in 1824. Jefferson Medical College has awarded more than 26,000 medical degrees and has more living graduates than any other medical school in the nation. An infirmary to treat the poor was opened in 1825, and by 1844, Jefferson was providing patient beds over a shop at 10th and Sansom Streets. A 125-bed hospital, one of the first in the nation affiliated with a medical school, opened in 1877, and a school for nurses began in 1891.

On July 1, 1969 the institution became Thomas Jefferson University, composed of Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, the College of Graduate Studies, and the College of Allied Health Sciences. Today, this academic health center tests and treats 45,000 inpatients and more than 400,000 outpatients every year, and enrolls 2,600 future health care professionals. Public and private funding of Jefferson research exceeds $64 million annually.

Through 2008, The Department of Health Policy was located within Jefferson Medical College, until it was transformed into the Jefferson School of Population Health. The new School’s
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