Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC
Health Economics & Outcomes Research Fellowship
Purpose

This two-year fellowship program, established in 1995, provides training and exposure to the various aspects of outcomes research in both the academic and industry settings. The program is structured to assist the fellow in identifying future career opportunities in outcomes research while learning and working in a challenging post-graduate environment.

Goal

The goal of the Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC Health Economics & Outcomes Research Fellowship is to prepare the individual for a career in outcomes research within the healthcare industry, consulting, or academia.

Objectives

• To educate the fellow on economic and health-related quality of life principles and applications, and demonstrate their use in evaluating costs and outcomes relative to health care interventions.

• To train the fellow in research design and drug evaluation methodologies which include economic, clinical and humanistic outcomes.

• To provide practical experiences in outcomes research, which will prepare the fellow to practice at a management level in various settings, such as managed care, pharmaceutical industry, and academia.

Rationale

The desire to control rising health care costs while assuring quality care is creating a demand for individuals with strong clinical and economic backgrounds who can incorporate outcomes management into various health care settings. This fellowship enhances clinical education with academic and practical experiences focused on economic and humanistic principles in outcomes research.
During the first year, the fellow will enroll in at least 12 credit hours of didactic instruction at either Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or nearby universities. The objective of the first year will be to educate the fellow on outcomes research methods through project experience and didactic study. Since the background of incoming fellows will vary, formal course requirements and planned activities will be tailored to the needs of the fellow. Courses offered encompass the following topics:

- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Applied Health Economics
- Issues in Health Policy
- Quality of Life Measurement
- Research Methods

The fellow will be involved in the current research activities at the first year site. Regular meetings will be held with members of the Jefferson School of Population Health at TJU to discuss research projects and academic experience. It is expected that the fellow will visit Janssen Scientific Affairs several times during the first fellowship year. The fellow will have opportunities to present ongoing research reports, attend seminars, and interact with program faculty and preceptors at both sites.

During the second year of training, the fellow will be located at Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC in New Jersey and will work directly with the Outcomes Research group. The fellow’s experience will include work on projects assigned by the primary preceptor at Janssen Scientific Affairs.

The fellow will interact with clinical, marketing, regulatory affairs, and other departments at the company to learn how outcomes research is incorporated in efforts to demonstrate the value of a therapeutic intervention (i.e., product or service). The fellow will also learn how a pharmaceutical manufacturer uses clinical, economic and humanistic data to support the research, development, adoption, and utilization of its products.

To maintain effective communications and enhance the fellowship experience, it is expected that the fellow will visit Thomas Jefferson University several times during the second year.
Thomas Jefferson University

Thomas Jefferson University is dedicated to health sciences education and research and is composed of six colleges and schools:

• Jefferson Medical College
• Jefferson College of Graduate Studies
• Jefferson School of Health Professions
• Jefferson School of Nursing
• Jefferson School of Pharmacy
• Jefferson School of Population Health

The Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH) is an integral part of TJU. JSPH provides exemplary graduate academic programming, continuing education courses and conferences, and sustained research and consulting in areas of health policy, population health, and healthcare quality and safety. JSPH’s involvement in health policy and outcomes includes outcomes management, pharmacoeconomic research, clinical evaluation sciences, and health services research. Researchers associated with the school promote education and training through numerous industry fellowships and are considered experts and leaders within the healthcare professional community.

Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC

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Benefits

The fellowship provides a competitive stipend and benefits package through Thomas Jefferson University.

Eligibility

Selection of the fellow will be on a competitive basis from a national pool of candidates with scientific and/or clinical training in healthcare and an interest in outcomes research. Candidates are expected to have the ability to master scientific methodologies and to communicate technical information effectively.

Application

The fellowship will begin in June 2013. Interested individuals should submit a transcript, curriculum vitae, letter describing their career objectives, professional writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to the following address by December 31, 2012:

Joseph D. Jackson, PhD
Outcomes Research Fellowship Director
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Application materials may also be emailed to: joseph.jackson@jefferson.edu

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