Chapman-Amgen Biopharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program

2026







School of Pharmacy

About Chapman University School of Pharmacy

Located on the Harry and Diane Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine, California, the Chapman University School of Pharmacy (CUSP) engages student pharmacists in science-based, personalized, interdisciplinary education and training. As Orange County's first school of pharmacy, CUSP's three-year, accelerated curricular program is designed and developed to provide our pharmacy graduate with the knowledge and practice-ready skills that are essential to provide patient-centered care, manage medication use systems, promote health and wellness, and be advocates of population-based care.

Our goal is to create a model patient safety curriculum, including co-curriculum and interprofessional education. Our vision for CUSP is to enhance global health delivery and the biopharmaceutical and biomedical sciences. We are molding pharmacy practitioners and scientists who possess a deep scientific foundation, a passion for human health improvement and the caring concern needed to make a difference in people's lives.

CUSP provides students with a personalized, interdisciplinary approach to education and research that combines a comprehensive education in the foundations of pharmaceutical sciences, ethics, and regulatory issues related to research trials from bench work to translational science with experience in leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

For more information, visit www.chapman.edu/pharmacy and connect with us on https://www.linkedin.com/school/chapman-university-school-of-pharmacy/.

This fellowship program provides interprofessional integrated training in clinical oncology and medical affairs by offering enriched hands-on experience in both areas. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as the program director and a mentor for this fellowship, where I am able to foster the professional development of our talented fellows.

Dr. Sun (Coco) Yang
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice,
Chapman University School of Pharmacy



Chapman University School of Pharmacy Mission Statement

Educate and develop the next generation of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists to improve health through engaging in team-based, patient safety-focused health care and conducting transformative research and scholarship.

We accomplish this by:

- Empowering students to become self-learning professionals through flipped learning andragogy that leverages state-of-the-art technology and teamwork
- Providing an infrastructure that emphasizes collaborative research and scholarship that makes a difference in people's lives.
- Creating a culture that supports, nurtures, and mentors students, faculty and staff to be successful and makes it a top academic institution to study or work in Orange County
- Optimizing delivery of healthcare for those with diverse and unmet needs in Orange County



About Amgen

At Amgen, we believe in a "biology first" approach. We use cutting-edge science and technology to study the subtlest biological mechanisms in search of therapies that will improve the lives of those who suffer from serious diseases. Amgen believes the cure for disease can be found inside each and every one of us.

Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people's lives. A biotechnology innovator since 1980, Amgen has grown to be one of the world's leading independent biotechnology companies, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

For more information, visit <u>www.amgen.com</u> and follow us on <u>https://www.x.com/Amgen</u>.





The Chapman-Amgen fellowship provides a unique opportunity to blend the clinical understanding of Hematology-Oncology and medical Affairs expertise into one experience which I believe is essential for the fellow's foundational knowledge, growth and ultimate career success.



Dr. Laila Khoury-Chamoun

Executive Director and Therapeutic Area Lead, Amgen Oncology Scientific Communications, Amgen Oncology Fellowship Director

Amgen Values

Be Science-Based

Our success depends on superior scientific innovation, integrity and continuous improvement in all aspects of our business through the application of the scientific method. We see the scientific method as a multi-step process that includes designing the right experiment, collecting and analyzing data and rational decision making. It is not subjective or emotional, but rather a logical, open and rational process. Applying the scientific method in all parts of the organization is expected and highly valued.

Compete Intensely and Win

We compete against time, past performance and industry rivals to rapidly achieve high quality results. Winning requires taking risks. We cannot be lulled into complacency by previous achievements. Though we compete intensely, we maintain high ethical standards and demand integrity in our dealings with competitors, customers, partners and each other.

Create Value for Patients, Staff and Stockholders

We provide value by focusing on the needs of patients. Amgen creates a work environment that provides opportunities for staff members to reach their full potential. We strive to provide stockholders with superior long-term returns while balancing the needs of patients, staff and stockholders.

Be Ethical

We are relentless in applying the highest ethical standards to our products, services and communications.

Trust and Respect Each Other

Every job at Amgen is important and every Amgen staff member is important. We attract diverse, capable and committed people and provide an environment that fosters inclusion, respect, individual responsibility and values diversity. Trust is strengthened through personal initiative and by obtaining quality results rapidly.

Ensure Quality

Quality is a cornerstone of all of our activities. We seek the highest quality information, decisions and people. We produce high quality products and services. Quality is woven into the fabric of everything we do.

Work in Teams

Our teams work quickly to move scientific breakthroughs from the lab through the clinic to the marketplace and to support other aspects of our business. Diverse teams working together generate the best decisions for patients, staff and stockholders. Our team structure provides opportunities for Amgen staff to impact the direction of the organization, to gain broader perspective about other functions within Amgen and to reach their full potential.

Collaborate, Communicate and Be Accountable

Leaders at Amgen seek input and involve key stakeholders in important decisions. In gathering input, strong leaders will welcome diverse opinions, conflicting views and open dialogue for serious consideration. They will clearly communicate decisions and rationale openly and in a timely manner. Once a decision is made, the leader and members of the team will all be accountable for the results and for implementing the decision rapidly.

Chapman-Amgen Oncology Medical Affairs Fellowship

Actively Recruiting: One Fellow for 2026-2028

This program provides comprehensive training and experience in a broad range of Medical Affairs activities, with a focus on hematologyoncology disease areas.

The Outcome Goals of this **2-year fellowship** will prepare the fellow to:

- Actively participate in specific areas of medical affairs, clinical practice, and academia through intensive, hands-on training and mentorship at these settings
- Promote the role and value of a clinically-trained pharmacist in Medical Affairs within the pharmaceutical industry
- Gain experience in various areas of medical affairs, including scientific communications, medical information, medical strategy, and other areas of industry
- Become a highly competent candidate to be recruited by the pharmaceutical industry with expertise in hematology-oncology disease areas and medical affairs

The fellow will spend the first 6 months focusing on clinical and inter-professional experience training at CUSP located in Irvine, California, followed by 18 months at Amgen Inc. located in Thousand Oaks, California. A new fellow will be recruited every academic year.

How does this program prepare you for a career in the biopharmaceutical industry?

This program's unique combination of hands-on clinical experiences and medical affairs training provides a versatile foundation that strategically differentiates each fellow within the competitive biopharmaceutical industry. Learning from highly experienced and passionate mentors in the hematology and oncology clinic has strengthened my ability to effectively communicate and contribute alongside multidisciplinary healthcare teams. As I soon join the Amgen team, I look forward to applying these clinical insights to help support meaningful initiatives in cancer treatment. The knowledge, guidance, and experience I will gain throughout this fellowship will be invaluable towards my professional development and allow me to leave a positive impact across a wide range of settings within the ever-evolving field of oncology. By focusing on building clinical expertise and strong communication skills, this program perfectly aligns with the roles and responsibilities that are foundational to a prosperous and fulfilling career in medical affairs.



Jason Halfen, PharmD

Current Fellow (2025-2027)

Keck Graduate Institute



Current Fellows



As a second-year fellow at Amgen, my experience has been incredibly rewarding and enriching. I've had the privilege of learning from some of the most talented and insightful professionals in the industry. The culture here is exceptionally supportive—colleagues consistently go out of their way to assist not only with day-to-day responsibilities but also with long-term career development. I've been fortunate to work under a highly dedicated preceptor in Scientific Communications and am excited to continue expanding my experience by collaborating with teams in Medical Strategy and Field Medical Affairs. The flexibility of the program has allowed me to pursue projects aligned with my interests and career aspirations, providing valuable exposure to the areas where I hope to make a lasting impact.

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Jacob Pritchard, PharmD, MBA 2024-2026 CUSP-Amgen Fellow



The Chapman–Amgen Oncology Medical Affairs fellowship is an exceptional launchpad into the biopharmaceutical industry. From developing medical content and publications to supporting Medical Information, I gained a well-rounded understanding of Scientific Communications while collaborating with cross-functional teams across Medical Affairs, Clinical Development, and Commercial. Immersion in cutting-edge oncology therapies and engagement with key opinion leaders strengthened my strategic thinking and broadened my industry perspective. With mentorship tailored to my interests and career goals, this program prepared me to make an immediate and lasting impact as a Medical Affairs professional.



Julia Albanez, PharmD 2024-2025 CUSP-Amgen Fellow

Fellowship Alumni Spotlight



"I felt continuously supported, challenged, and valued by my preceptors, colleagues, mentors, and program directors, each of whom are committed to my personal and professional growth and development."

Madison Ward, PharmD 2023-2024 CUSP-Amgen Fellow

"The program's flexibility allowed me to tailor my experience to my specific interests and career goals, significantly enhancing my professional growth and development."



Akash Patel, PharmD 2023-2024 CUSP-Amgen Fellow

- Eline Kocharyan, PharmD 2022-2023 CUSP-Amgen Fellow
- Jessica Pham, PharmD 2021-2023 CUSP-Amgen Fellow
- Nazgol Emami, PharmD, MBA 2020-2022 CUSP-Amgen Fellow
- Priya Patel, PharmD 2019-2021 CUSP-Amgen Fellow

Application Process

Eligibility:

- **Academic**: The applicant must have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited school or college of pharmacy and obtain a California pharmacist license by October 1st after the start of the fellowship.
- **Professional Experience**: Relevant industry/FDA internships or rotations, PGY1, or equivalent experiences are preferred, but not required.

Application Requirements:

- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Unofficial Transcripts (Applicant may provide copies of their official transcripts)
- Three Letters of Recommendation with at least two from pharmacy professionals

Application Submission & Deadline:

 Interested candidates may submit their application and supporting materials starting September 8th, 2025, to the <u>Chapman University Jobs Portal</u>.

Our application portal will close on October 20th, 2025, 11:59 PM PST.

First-round interviews will be conducted virtually on a rolling basis

 For more information regarding the application process, please visit the <u>Chapman-Amgen Oncology Medical Affairs Fellowship webpage</u> for updated application submission deadlines and recruitment event dates

 For specific questions, please contact the program via email, <u>pharmamgen@chapman.edu</u>.

Alliance of Industry Fellowship Associates (AIFA) Consensus Statement:

Recognizing that the choice of a Post-Doctoral Industry Fellowship is an important decision, AIFA exists to promote a common aspect of each of our program's cultures by supporting a consensus first offer date of December 12th, 2025, for all Fellowship candidates.

We hope that other academic and non-academic Fellowship Programs will respect this timeline to allow for the best program fit for candidates.

