

# Call for IFPMA Young Professionals Fellowship 2020-2021



**International Federation  
of Pharmaceutical  
Manufacturers & Associations**

The IFPMA Young Professionals Fellowship is an opportunity for members of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) to engage with IFPMA and its membership and be a credible voice in dialogue with the global health community.

## About IFPMA:

IFPMA represents research-based pharmaceutical companies and national associations across the globe. The research-based pharmaceutical industry's two million employees research, develop and provide medicines and vaccines that improve the lives of patients worldwide.

Based in Geneva (Switzerland), IFPMA has official relations with the United Nations and brings the industry and broader health community together to foster innovation, promote resilient regulatory systems, uphold ethical practices, and advocate for sustainable health policies that meet the needs of patients globally. For more information, please visit <http://www.ifpma.org/>.

## The Fellowship:

The Fellowship is a full-time, 12-month, compensated position in global health policy, with a particular focus on regulatory system strengthening. The Fellow will support the portfolio manager(s) on projects to promote policies, dialogue and initiatives that encourage regulatory reliance to improve access to medicines and vaccines globally as well as building capacity for the regulation of advanced innovative therapies. Activities may include the development of policy, educational, research and communication materials to strengthen the role of regulatory frameworks globally, with particular emphasis on those in Africa. The Fellow will also be involved in the

preparation of key meetings, briefing documents and presentations on various topics in support of external engagement activities.

A second angle of the fellowship will be to support the Ethics & Compliance portfolio lead, focused on the creation of strong ethical standards for all IFPMA members through the further development and implementation of a self-regulation framework (the IFPMA “Code of Practice”) to build trust among stakeholders and ultimately patients. Activities may include surveying member associations on KPIs around Code implementation, preparing meetings, workshops, briefing documents and presentations, as well as supporting the development of an online learning tool on the Code. The Fellow will liaise with other IFPMA Teams necessary to complete the various projects.

## Location:

IFPMA Office @Campus Biotech

Building B2, Level 04

Chemin des Mines, 9

1211 Geneva, Switzerland

## Timing:

Start Date: March 2020

End Date: March 2021

## Candidate Profile:

The Fellow should have the following skills/attributes:

1. Excellent command of both written and spoken English. Knowledge of other languages, e.g. French or Spanish are an asset.
2. Good knowledge and interest in pharmaceutical policy and vaccine topics, and an understanding of international and multilateral organisations.
3. Good communication, research and presentation skills.
4. A hands-on approach and confidence to take on different projects at the same time with good organisation skills
5. Creativity and problem-solving skills.

## Eligibility:

IFPMA may accept applicants who **meet all** of the following conditions:

- **1) In possession of a valid Swiss Work Permit, or 2) a citizen of one of the following countries:** Switzerland, European Union (EU), Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, The Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Tunisia, Ukraine and United States of America (USA);
- Under 35 years of age in 2019. Applicants from Australia, New Zealand & Russia must be under 30 years of age in 2020. For more information, please visit [here](#);
- Applicants who have completed their study (at a university or an equivalent institution leading to a formal qualification) by the time the Fellowship will take place;
- Applicants who are fluent in English; and
- Applicants who are not related to a staff member of IFPMA.

## Application Process:

All current IPSF Members meeting the above requirements are eligible to apply. IFPMA will be responsible for the final selection of the applicant(s). The successful applicant(s) undertaking a Fellowship will not be financially remunerated by IPSF. IFPMA will provide financial compensation for the duration of the Fellowship. The applicant(s) will be responsible for their own accommodation and travel expenses.

As part of the application process, please submit:

- A Cover Letter in support of the application;
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English; and
- An example of previous written work completed as part of your studies to demonstrate your writing skills.

Please **submit electronic copies** of your full application to Ms. Karima Bennara, IPSF Internship Coordinator 2019-2020 at [internship@ipsf.org](mailto:internship@ipsf.org) no later than **Friday, 13 December 2019 23:59 GMT +0**. Please use the **subject line “IFPMA Young Professionals Fellowship”**. Only PDF format of all applications will be accepted.

IPSF will complete the 1st round selection process, and IFPMA will make the final selection. The results of the Fellowship will be announced by IPSF to all candidates. A successful candidate from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Tunisia, Ukraine, USA will also need to comply with the [procedures](#) outlined by Switzerland's State Secretariat for Migration (SEM).

If you have any questions about the Fellowship, please do not hesitate to contact the IPSF Internship Coordinator at [internship@ipsf.org](mailto:internship@ipsf.org) or the IPSF Chairperson of Pharmacy Education at [education@ipsf.org](mailto:education@ipsf.org).