



PORTAL

Program On Regulation, Therapeutics, And Law



Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics
Harvard Medical School | Brigham and Women's Hospital

Call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications

The [Program On Regulation, Therapeutics, And Law \(PORTAL\)](#) in the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School invites applications for its **postdoctoral fellowship in pharmaceutical law and health services research**.

About PORTAL

Founded in 2012, PORTAL is one of the largest non-industry-funded research centers in the US studying drug pricing, drug policy, and the clinical, economic, and legal aspects of medication use and costs. Our team includes 4 Harvard Medical School faculty and over 20 research fellows, trainees, and staff with diverse expertise across medicine, law, economics, ethics, and health policy.

The [Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics](#) is an approximately 90-member interdisciplinary research center. The Division's work focuses on the evaluation, regulation, outcomes, and cost-effectiveness of prescription drugs and medical devices, as well as the development and evaluation of policies to improve the use of therapeutics.

Fellowship Details

Applications are invited from researchers with doctoral degrees (J.D., M.D., Ph.D., Pharm.D., or equivalent) or who will complete such training by July 2025. Fellows will have an appointment at Harvard Medical School, receive close mentorship from faculty members in PORTAL and the Division, and engage in projects intended to start their careers in law and public health. Fellows have been successful in transitioning to jobs in academia (medicine, law, public health), government, and private practice. Fellowships would begin in July 2025, with fellowship length varying depending on the candidate (minimum: 1 year). Fellows are expected to be based in the Boston area for the duration of their fellowship.

Current and past PORTAL fellows have studied FDA regulation, patents, drug access and costs, and competition in the therapeutic marketplace. Other areas of focus include the relationship between intellectual property and drug costs and availability, ethical issues affecting the pharmaceutical market, drug comparative effectiveness, as well as the development, approval, and evidence-based use of drugs, devices, vaccines, and diagnostics.

The deadline to apply is December 1, 2024. To apply, please submit the following materials using the application form linked below:

- (1) a cover letter describing your past work, ideas for the kind of research you'd like to do in the fellowship, and career goals;
- (2) a CV; and
- (3) a writing sample, such as a published lead-author paper or a writing excerpt from a course assignment

[Submit Your Application](#)

Candidates will be contacted for interviews after the submission deadline. Please contact Matt Martin at mmartin55@bwh.harvard.edu with any questions.

Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School are equal-opportunity employers. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions, or any other characteristic protected by law. Applications from groups underrepresented in the health policy/services research field are strongly encouraged to apply.



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OUR WORK

PORTAL conducts research across a variety of domains to critically evaluate emerging issues on the regulation, use, and reimbursement of therapeutics:

 Evidence-Based Prescribing	 Drug & Device Regulation
 Drug Pricing & Access	 Innovation Incentives & Outcomes

We explore these topics through a combination of descriptive, qualitative, and quantitative methodologies. We aim for our work to be timely and actionable, providing rigorous insights and careful empirical analysis to inform ongoing policy debate. **View our latest publications:** bit.ly/portal-publications

PORTAL translates **research into policy action** using the following strategies:

- **Publication** in major medical, legal, & health policy journals
- **Presentation** at professional meetings, public hearings, and other venues
- **Dissemination** through lay media and social media
- **Interaction** with policymakers and other key health care stakeholders

OUR TEAM

PORTAL brings together researchers, analysts, and trainees from the fields of **medicine, law, epidemiology, economics, ethics, health policy, and beyond** to tackle challenges in prescription drug policy using a multidisciplinary lens. In doing so, our group is also committed to cultivating the next generation of investigators seeking to provide meaningful insights to support an optimal prescription drug landscape. To assure independence, no members of PORTAL have any personal financial relationships with pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturers. **Meet our team:** bit.ly/PORTAL_team



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