



# PORTAL

## Program On Regulation, Therapeutics, And Law



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

## Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Law and Policy Research

The [Program On Regulation, Therapeutics, And Law \(PORTAL\)](#) in the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics within the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School invites applications for its **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Law and Policy Research**

### About PORTAL

Established in 2012, PORTAL is one of the nation's largest non-industry-funded academic research centers dedicated to investigating the economic, legal, and clinical challenges of medication use, regulation, and cost. Our vibrant community of more than 15 research fellows, trainees, and staff, led by five renowned Harvard Medical School faculty, brings together expertise in medicine, law, economics, ethics, and health policy to conduct rigorous research to inform policymaking.

PORTAL is based in the [Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics](#) at Brigham and Women's Hospital, an interdisciplinary, 90-member research hub that, since 1998, has focused on advancing our understanding of and improving prescription drug safety and effectiveness.

### Fellowship Details

The PORTAL Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Law and Policy is a paid research fellowship designed to prepare talented scholars for careers in law, public policy, or public health, with a specific focus on prescription medication use, regulation, and affordability. Previous fellows have been successful in transitioning to jobs in academia, government, and private practice.

Fellows are expected to design, conduct, publish, and present original research during their fellowship term. Topics include FDA drug or device regulation; intellectual property relating to prescription drugs; ethical issues in medical product markets; therapeutic comparative and cost-effectiveness research; prescription drug coverage and access; health insurance design and care delivery related to prescription drugs; evidence-based prescribing; and competition in the pharmaceutical market.

During the fellowship, fellows will receive close mentorship from our faculty and have the opportunity interact with policymakers, regulators, and other stakeholders. Fellow-led PORTAL research is also routinely cited in the media and by policymakers, providing additional career development opportunities.

This position is benefits-eligible, with an annual salary usually in the range of \$70,000-\$80,000 based on post-graduate year and experience, per the FY26 Mass General Brigham Research Fellow Salary Scale

### Qualifications

Applications are invited from **researchers with doctoral degrees (PhD, JD, MD, PharmD, or equivalent) or who will complete such training by September 1, 2026**. Fellowship start date and length will vary depending on the candidate (1-year minimum, typically 2 years). For international applicants, visa sponsorship may be available. Fellows are expected to live in the Boston area for the duration of the fellowship.

**To apply, please submit the following materials via the [linked application form](#) by 11:59pm ET on December 15, 2025:**

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

**Submit Your Application**

Select candidates will be contacted regarding the next steps after the submission deadline. **Please contact Matt Martin at [mmartin55@bwh.harvard.edu](mailto: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, religious creed, national origin, sex, age, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation, military service, genetic information, and/or other status protected under law. Applications from groups underrepresented in medicine, law, policy, and health services research are strongly encouraged.

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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/portalpublications](https://bit.ly/portalpublications)

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](https://bit.ly/PORTAL_team)

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