Internship Program in Drug Safety/Pharmacoepidemiology

Description
Drug safety has always been the foundation of successful drug development and marketing. In recent years, drug safety has had renewed emphasis at the Food and Drug Administration and within pharmaceutical companies. Health professionals are increasingly choosing this area as a career path.

The Degge Group (Degge) is a drug safety consulting company with business lines in epidemiologic research, risk management, regulatory consulting, and litigation support. The Degge Group is also aligned with the Pharmaceutical Education and Research Institute (PERI), a non-profit education organization. Degge has an academic mandate that includes internship training for students and graduates in the health sciences professions. The Company was founded in 1988 by Judith K. Jones MD, PhD. Dr. Jones is a clinical pharmacologist, pharmacoepidemiologist, and physician with a long-standing interest in the study of adverse drug reactions, drug utilization, and drug development and regulation.

The goal of the Degge Internship Program in Drug Safety/Pharmacoepidemiology is to provide practical experience to health profession students and practitioners in a small company setting. Degge internships are centered on six main objectives:

1) Application of fundamental concepts: study design, biostatistics, health education, and medical communications through projects and preceptor training.
2) Research activities: proposal development, design, methodology, data collection, data analysis, reporting and evaluation. These are key areas of exposure in our pharmacoepidemiology research projects. Interns will also learn to work with team members, and to develop timelines and budgets for projects. Each element may be part of new or ongoing projects.
3) Professional ethics: structured review of HIPAA, research integrity training, conflict of interest situations, and medico-legal communications.
4) Core skills: individual projects will help develop critical analysis and judgment, computing and data presentation skills, business communications, literature review, medical writing, and drug information.
5) Teamwork: Interns will have acquaintance, exposure, and project-based interaction with multi-disciplinary staff of analysts, health professionals, educators, and project managers.
6) Professional goals: exposure to Degge business lines, understand client needs, witness FDA hearings and role of the Agency, meet with various staff members on professional background and required skill sets.

Internship Requirements
At minimum, candidates should be in their 2nd professional year of training in a health sciences degree program. This is a paid internship, however interns must be prepared to contribute to their room, board and travel. The training period is from 4 to 12 weeks. Interns are responsible for obtaining documentation and approval of training from their respective institution as necessary.

Non-US applicants are responsible for obtaining travel authorization from relevant government agencies. By law, all interns must be eligible to work in the United States and must be able to show proper documentation as specified in Form I-9 (http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf).

Please contact Degge for details on application deadlines and decision dates. Degge requires a signed confidentiality agreement by each intern as many projects are proprietary or involve patient-centered data. For more information or to apply, please contact Bao Nguyen PharmD, MPH at 703.276.0067 x110 or e-mail bnguyen@deggegroup.com. Degge’s Web site is www.deggegroup.com.