

Lupus Ventures, LLC
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In-Semester Fellowship

MBA, MD, PhD, MS

Part-Time, Unpaid

About The Company

Lupus Ventures is the venture investment fund of the Lupus Research Alliance (LRA). The Fund is dedicated to advancing treatment and diagnostic options for systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), its manifestations, and related autoimmune conditions. The firm has a broad mandate to invest across various treatment types and modalities (therapeutics, diagnostics, specifically - small molecule, mAbs, cell therapy, etc.) and stages of development (basic science, translational research, clinical development, commercial). The Fund is backed by the Lupus Research Alliance, a disease research organization founded by Robert Wood "Woody" Johnson IV. To date, the Lupus Research Alliance has awarded > \$284 million across 650+ research grants, and clinical affiliate Lupus Therapeutics is involved in > 30% of active clinical trials. This provides the Fund with a unique, dedicated bench of expertise in autoimmunity.

Position Summary

The Fellow will work closely with the Associate and Managing Director for up to ~10-hrs / week, or as mutually agreed. The role will be structured in a flexible manner, and the Fellow should expect to work either in-person based out of the office in New York, or virtually.

We are seeking candidates who have a strong basic science background, demonstrated interest or research experience in immunology, and who want to gain hands on experience in life sciences venture capital investing. Candidates should be excited to work in a start-up environment where they can make significant contributions to the firm in multiple ways.

Fellows will support in all areas of VC fund operations - including due diligence (scientific assessments, finance, regulatory, commercial, IP), active deal negotiations, market and competitive analyses, pipeline management, portfolio company support, business development, and other activities. They will also participate in meetings and industry conferences.

The Fellowship is unpaid, but students are encouraged to leverage the LRA's network to support their own personal and professional development.

Anticipated Start Date

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Example Projects / Responsibilities

- Landscape assessment to understand various treatments approved for and in development for SLE and its related manifestations
- Search and Evaluation support – identification of biotech/medtech and diagnostics companies developing products for in SLE and/or related indications
- Scientific review of known and emerging pathways for lupus
- Early pipeline reviews against Lupus Ventures investment criteria (mission fit, scientific validity, feasibility assessment for path to next de-risking milestone, etc.)
- Support fund operations (pipeline, process, business development)

Requirements

- Currently enrolled in an undergrad or post-graduate school of study (e.g., MBA, MD, MS, or PhD)
- Demonstrated interest in healthcare / life sciences (e.g., prior experience in investment banking, venture capital, and/or life sciences consulting preferred, but not required)
- Strong knowledge of Microsoft Office required (Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, etc.)
- Familiarity with investor and pharma databases is preferred, but not required (Pitchbook, Bloomberg, CapIQ, Evaluate Pharma)
- Ability to work independently with minimal guidance on a wide range of responsibilities
- Self-starter comfortable with creating new opportunities to contribute to the firm

Interested candidates should email a resume and brief letter of interest to svirolainen@lupusventures.org or nrastogi@lupusventures.org