

Breakthrough Fellowship Program FAQs

1. Why did Pfizer create the **Breakthrough Fellowship Program, “BFP”**?

- This program is designed to enhance our pipeline of diverse talent of leaders. The BFP, first of its kind will work to advance students and early career colleagues of Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic and Native American descent with a goal of developing 100 fellows by 2025. One of Pfizer’s Bold Moves is to make Pfizer an amazing workplace for all and we are committed to increasing diversity by fostering a more inclusive workplace. Every Pfizer ‘Breakthrough’ program is designed to cultivate a pipeline of diverse talent. Everything we do is driven by our purpose.

2. I’m not from a minority group identified for the Breakthrough Fellowship Program; what opportunities are available to me?

- Pfizer is an equal opportunity employer. We have multiple programs and opportunities throughout the year for undergraduate and graduate students and for Pfizer colleagues generally. For example, any colleague can pursue an MBA or MPH through Pfizer Benefits’ Education Assistance Program. We also host MBA students each summer, more information on this program can be found [here](#). Undergraduates and graduate students who are not eligible or interested in the Breakthrough Fellows Program but would like to pursue a career at Pfizer can apply to the Summer Worker Program and/or create a job alert on our [Pfizer.com/Careers](#) page to receive email or text notifications when positions are opened.

3. What are the requirements of program applicants?

- Be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. Permanent Resident
- Be an undergraduate student enrolled in a full-time university program (an accredited college / university degree program at the time of award) and an expected graduate of Spring 2022
- Committed interest & intent to pursue an MBA or MPH
- Apply to a Breakthrough Fellowship Intern opportunity via [Pfizer.com/Careers](#) search ‘Breakthrough’.
- Have a 3.0 GPA or above
- Meet the program’s goals of increasing the pipeline for Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic and Native Americans.
- Demonstrate exceptional leadership potential
- Willingness to work in the NYHQ office?

4. What are the components of the Breakthrough Fellowship program?

- Students will be eligible to apply during their Junior year of college. Successful Fellows will participate in all five components of the program:
 1. An initial 10-week summer internship for rising undergraduate college seniors
 2. 2 years of full-time employment after Undergraduate graduation
 3. After 2 years, a fully paid scholarship to complete a full-time, 2-year MBA or MPH program
 4. Summer internship between the first and second years of the MBA / MPH program
 5. Return to Pfizer for employment post program graduation

5. When can I apply for the MBA / MPH program?
 - Students can apply to an MBA / MPH program at the beginning of their second year of full-time employment with Pfizer.
6. What Pfizer groups will participate in hiring Breakthrough Fellows?
 - Intern opportunities for our 2021 inaugural cohort will be within the Chief Business Office, Finance, Global Business Solutions, Pfizer Global Supply, Biopharma, and Corporate Affairs.
7. Will students be able to choose their placements?
 - We encourage students to review roles & responsibilities of the internship opportunities and apply for those that best fit their interest across several functions offered.
8. Is this a rotational program, or will students remain in their “home” groups for all four components of the program?
 - Breakthrough Fellows will remain in their “home” group for the duration of the program to foster strong relationships with their group colleagues. This will encourage the maximum professional and personal development possible for the Fellow at this stage.
9. Is there an employment requirement post-MBA / MPH?
 - Yes, there is an expectation that Pfizer’s Breakthrough Fellows will remain with Pfizer and potentially become future talent for leadership roles. Pfizer will require reimbursement of the cost of the scholarship if the Fellow leaves Pfizer prior to 2 years post-graduation of the MBA / MPH program.
10. If I have additional questions who may I reach out to?
 - Please send an email to BreakthroughFellowship@pfizer.com with your name and college information included.
11. Is this program only for New York City, is it available in another location or country?
 - Currently, the BFP is for roles based in New York, USA. In the future, we may identify opportunities to extend the program to other locations; best practices may be introduced globally.
12. Can I be considered if I am already working for Pfizer?
 - At this time, the BFP is designed for undergraduates approaching their Senior year in a four-year undergraduate program. Pfizer recognizes the value of career development and growth. Pfizer Colleagues have access through their local benefits Education Assistance Program.