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At Merck, we use the power of leading-edge science to save and improve lives around the world. Our Medical Writing team aspires to be the premier medical communication organization in the biopharmaceutical industry. We combine our medical communication expertise with technological innovations to develop message-driven content that enables clinical trial conduct and marketing approvals.

Imagine getting up in the morning for a job as important as helping save and improve lives around the world. With Merck’s Medical Writing team, you have that opportunity. You can put your empathy, creativity, digital mastery, or scientific genius to work in collaboration with other like-minded colleagues to pursue and bring hope to countless people who are battling the most challenging diseases of our time. Our team is always evolving, so if you are among the intellectually curious and are looking to grow your career in meaningful and inspiring ways, join us – and start making your impact today.

Scan here to see how you can invent the future with Merck’s Medical Writing team!
As I was finishing graduate school and searching for opportunities in medical writing, I found few entry-level positions. I was incredibly excited when I discovered the Associate Medical Writer training program at Merck, a rotational program with an emphasis on mentoring. **The program provides comprehensive training in core medical writing skills, regulatory documents and standards, the drug development process, and more!**

Even after a few months, I have become a fully integrated member of the Informed Consent team. I am excited to expand my breadth of knowledge through rotations in narratives, clinical technical editing, and clinical content standards. The cohort-based nature of the program provides a fun and collaborative environment to network with my peers. **This program highlights Merck Medical Writing’s investment into professional and personal development at all career stages!**

**Emily DiMartini**
Associate Medical Writer, **Entry Level**

The Merck Associate Medical Writer training program provided me with the education platform to acquire new knowledge in the regulatory writing field and guided me to bridge my previous transferable research skills to medical writing. Thanks to the comprehensive training curriculum, **I quickly adapted to the medical writing profession and contributed to a major regulatory submission.** Since completing the program, I **have been able to keep expanding my skill sets through continued training opportunities at Merck**, which prepared me to take on more responsibilities. I am exceptionally grateful for Merck’s dedication to its people’s development.

**Shengjie Xu, PhD**
Medical Writer, **Entry Level**
I was introduced to Merck through the 2021 Summer Intern Program as a Medical Writing Clinical Content Standards Intern after being approached by Merck at a conference. I had the opportunity to work on multiple projects and shape my career plan based on the advice and impact of Merck employees and mentors. Merck gave me all the tools I needed to be offered a contractor-to-employee track on the Medical Writing Structured Content Management team after graduating from my Honors Biomedical Engineering program. Merck has provided new opportunities for me around every corner and continues to support my passions for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. The dedication to diversity and professional growth has me excited for my future here at Merck.

Elizabeth Egel
Associate Content Steward, Early Career

My experience with Merck has truly had a positive impact on my medical writing career. With a work culture that emphasizes career development, I have been able to participate in programs and trainings that have advanced my skill sets and industry knowledge. Key highlights have been opportunities to receive guidance from my more senior colleagues through mentorship programs and attending weekly presentations that focus on the latest resources and developments in medical writing. I couldn’t ask for a more enriching and supportive workplace.

Shirley Dorval, MS
Principal Informed Consent Writer, Early Career

Medical writing is a very esteemed profession that I am proud to be a part of. I love to see all the innovation that is driving change and creating intelligent documents using structured content management software applications at Merck. This inspired me to join Merck, because Merck’s Structured Content Management team is on the cutting edge of medical writing technology trends. Now, I feel as if my career growth opportunities are limitless because of Merck’s focus on enabling many new technologies.

Jaquetta Lee, MS
Content Steward, Early Career
Merck is committed to diversity and inclusion in clinical trials, and I was given the opportunity to be a part of a team from Medical Writing who developed our Clinical Trial Diversity Plan template. Through this initiative, I was able to hone my leadership skills.

I also gained a better understanding of clinical trial operations and an awareness of the implicit biases in traditional clinical trial design. I am proud to have contributed to an initiative with an enduring impact on equitable access to quality health care.

Ashley Ogawa-Wong, PhD
Senior Medical Writer, Early Career

I was drawn to Merck by its cutting-edge science and best-in-class Medical Writing department with a supportive environment. Since I joined Merck in 2020, I have managed several practice-changing oncology filings. To facilitate these filings, a new platform was quickly introduced to expedite joint document review with a partner company.

I also had the opportunity to lead an initiative to facilitate China submissions. Merck is the place to broaden one’s horizon and master medical writing best practices in the efficient delivery of life-saving medicines.

Xingqiang Henry Li, PhD
Director, Medical Writing, Mid-Career

I joined Merck in 2022, but I instantly felt welcomed and valued. It speaks volumes to me that most of my Medical Writing colleagues have been here for more than a decade. It’s no wonder there is such longevity: Medical Writing invests in its people by providing great training programs; supporting professional memberships and conference attendance; and emphasizing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Our editorial team in Medical Writing leverages the latest technology to streamline our work through quality metrics, structured content management, and rigorous interactive checklists.

Dawn Maxemow
Associate Director, Quality Control Lead, Mid-Career
Since joining the Medical Writing department at Merck, it has been clear to me that senior leadership prioritizes the personal and professional development of our employees. As a management team, our development discussions focus on ensuring that every employee is getting the training and experience needed to move to the next level.

Personally, I have been nominated for training programs in project management and business leadership development, both of which provided invaluable lessons that I have been able to implement on a daily basis. In addition, the programs have provided me with a network of colleagues with whom I can connect and tools that I can implement to ensure that the development needs of my direct reports are met.

John Busillo, PhD
Director, Medical Writing Oncology, Mid-Career

At Merck Medical Writing, we are constantly challenging ourselves to learn, grow, and innovate. This openness to change creates opportunities for professional growth at all career levels. I had opportunities to work on cross-industry collaborations and to lead the development of new tools that drove process improvements for our department. These projects helped broaden my professional network and gave me the experience I needed to be prepared for the next steps in my career. In addition to the many developmental opportunities at Merck, my colleagues are fantastic. I come to work each day grateful to be part of such a diverse and talented team dedicated to delivering life-changing medicines to patients.

Katie Provost-Javier
Director, Medical Writing, Mid-Career