


**SAMPLE for JOINT DEGREE – JD/Master of Bioethics**

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Dear Ms. Jones,

I am writing to apply for the Health Law Fellowship in the Office of General Counsel of the Scripps Mercy Health System. I am currently a 3L student at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, as well as a candidate for the Master of Bioethics degree in the Department of Medical Ethics of Penn's School of Medicine.

My cross-disciplinary academic training is especially well matched with the description of the Scripps Mercy Fellowship. At Penn Law, in addition to the core J.D. curriculum, I have taken a number of courses directly relevant to the Fellowship, including Health Law and Regulation, Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights, and Privacy and Data Protection. In the School of Medicine, my Bioethics coursework has included not only introductory and conceptual Bioethics classes, but also Health Policy, Public Health Ethics, and Issues in Vaccine Policy.

As a joint degree student at Penn, I have had the opportunity to develop experience outside the classroom through both the Law School and the School of Medicine. Last year I worked as a Research Assistant to Professor Florence Barton at Penn Law, analyzing states' implementation of the Affordable Care Act. This semester I am assisting Dr. Richard Kildare at Penn Medicine with a project designed to expand childhood vaccination rates in anti-vaccination demographic groups. Outside the University, while I spent my 1L summer serving in an internship at the National Institutes of Health, this past summer I was a legal intern in the General Counsel's Office at Merck.

Through these complementary cross-disciplinary experiences, I have acquired professional competencies in both the law and bioethics, with an intentional focus on healthcare that will contribute to the success of the Scripps Mercy Health System.

I am excited by the possibility of serving as the Health Law Fellow in your Office of General Counsel next year, and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,  
Erik Lindgren