

Job Description

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

Medical Oncology OR Clinical Oncology ST1 entry (1 multi-speciality post)

Please note: the successful applicant will need to be in post before 31st March 2019 and will therefore need to already have a National Training Number (NTN) or a Deanery Reference Number (DRN).

The Hull York Medical School, in partnership with Health Education Yorkshire and the Hull and East Yorkshire NHS Trust has developed an exciting pathway of academic clinical training opportunities.

Applications are now invited for an Academic Clinical Fellowship in **Medical or Clinical Oncology** at **ST1** level.

Please note: This is a multi-specialty vacancy, an appointment may not be made in this specialty. There will be 1 ACF post in either Medical Oncology OR Clinical Oncology.

This post been created as part of the Health Education England (HEE)/National Institution for Health Research Trainee Coordinating Centre (NIHRTCC) programme of Integrated Academic Training and offers candidates a comprehensive experience of clinical academic medicine working alongside internationally renowned clinicians and researchers.

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We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals with the potential to excel in both their clinical and academic training and who have the ambition to be the next generation of academic clinicians.

This Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) programme in **Medical or Clinical Oncology** will be run by the Hull York Medical School (HYMS), in conjunction with Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust, the core medical and oncology training schemes within East Yorkshire, and Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber Local Education and Training Board (LETB).

Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are 3 year fixed-term national training posts. They attract an NTN(A) and trainees undertake 75% clinical and 25% academic training over the term of the post. They are employed by the NHS Trust and have an honorary contract with the University at whose Medical School their academic research is supported.

ACF trainees also undertake a Research Training Programme provided by the University for which funding is provided by NIHR. They also are eligible for a £1,000 bursary per year to support research training activity (e.g. to attend academic conferences).

ACF trainees would also normally complete and submit an external funding application for a research fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD or research MD) following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, which would be completed as Out-of-Programme-Research (OOPR).

All Academic Clinical Fellowships are run-through posts, regardless of specialty, with the exception of 'Medical Education' ACFs. A trainee entering ACF at ST1 or ST2 in a specialty with a Core Training period would therefore be guaranteed continued training to CCT in the eventual specialty, as long as they progress satisfactorily through both their academic and clinical training. Run-through status is withdrawn if ACFs do not complete the academic component.

POST DETAILS

Job Title

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) in Medical or Clinical Oncology

Duration of the Post

Up to 3 years (25% academic, 75% clinical).

Lead NHS Hospital/Trust in which training will take place

The ACF will be primarily based within the Queen's Centre for Oncology and Haematology at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull but according to rotation will work in other locations in Yorkshire (see below).

Research institution in which training will take place

The Oncology ACF will be based at the Queen's Centre for Oncology and Haematology at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull, working with Professor M.J. Lind and Professor A. Maraveyas. See <https://www.hey.nhs.uk/queens/>

Research Protected Time:

ACFs have day release training to attend and can also complete either an MSc by research or relevant modules to extend their training (if they already have an MSc), at Hull York Medical School. The protected research period (25% time) is used to obtain specific experience and knowledge in the research area of interest, obtain pilot data, and apply for an external research fellowship.

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component

A mutually agreeable timetable for research time will be drawn up by the candidate and the academic/clinical supervisors, designed to meet overall training goals. The exact pattern of time will be guided by the proposed research project and whether blocks of time or a day a week for the research component are more appropriate.

The successful applicant will develop a project under the supervision of one of the academic oncology supervisors (Prof Mike Lind / Prof Anthony Maraveyas) depending on the project area. This will involve writing a study protocol and gaining ethics and NHS governance approvals. The applicant will then undertake the project, and complete the project with publication(s) and / or completion of an MSc thesis.

There are three main areas of oncology research:

- a) Geriatric/Oncology (lead Professor Mike Lind),
- b) Thrombosis and cancer, (Lead Professor Anthony Maraveyas) and
- c) Bio-imaging of cancer (Lead Professor Steven Archibald).
- d) Biomarkers in lung cancer (Professor Mike Lind and Professor J. Greenman)

This particular ACF post is available under the NIHR stated topic of “Older People and Complex Health Needs” and the successful applicant would be expected to develop and conduct a research project within this area. In particular the group are looking at the utility of geriatric assessment tools to predict and modify outcomes in elderly cancer patients, prehabilitation of older cancer patients (TRANSFORM programme), and the role and scope for reducing polypharmacy in older cancer patients. This project fits within the wider remit of Cancer Research in the Humber and Yorkshire area of dealing with the health inequalities experienced by cancer patients; an area fully supported by Yorkshire Cancer Research – see <https://www.hyms.ac.uk/research/research-case-studies/tackling-cancer-inequalities>

Relevant to this post, cancer research also benefits from a close relationship with primary care and palliative medicine within the recently constituted Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre (WPCRC) and over 30 researchers with experience of mixed-methods methodologies in applied health research maximising support of new scholars. See <https://www.hyms.ac.uk/research/research-centres-and-groups/wolfson>

Full training in research methods and good clinical practice will be provided. Each ACF will have an academic supervisor. If the ACF also registers for a MSc by research, they will have a Thesis Advisory Panel (TAP), which usually comprises the supervisor and two other members of academic staff, one of whom acts as the Chair and is independent from the supervisor. The TAP provides academic support and external review of progress for the student. On appointment, in conjunction with their supervisor, the ACF will complete a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) and be able to access modules from the HYMS Post Graduate Training Selection list both to help with their research project and with their professional development as a researcher.

We anticipate the successful exit point for ACF trainees will be the award of an externally funded clinical research training fellowship to pursue a PhD or MD; prior to re-joining the academic career path as a Clinical Lecturer.

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

A successful candidate entering at ST1 level will undertake **ST1-ST2** rotations at Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust and related hospitals.

At ST3 level will join the Medical Oncology rotation. There are 15 posts in total in the rotation. They provide a comprehensive four-year higher specialist training programme in Medical Oncology. Each trainee will rotate through six 8-month posts during their clinical training, including 1-2 years at the Cancer Centre in Leeds. The Specialist Registrars rotate between positions at St James's University Hospital, the Bradford Teaching Hospitals Oncology Unit (BRI), the Calderdale and Huddersfield Medical Oncology Unit (HRI), Training is also available in more specialist posts including Teenage and Young Adult Cancer, and phase I trials.

The Oncology Centre at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull (QCOH-CHH), or the Oncology Unit at York District Hospital, providing training in a University Cancer Centre and a District General Hospital.

Each post has a programme of education and training, including the management of a comprehensive range of cancers and clinical trial training (including research governance) for the clinical trial portfolio. Protected time is provided for trainees requiring to attend the regional taught course in non-surgical oncology, as well as appropriate Yorkshire Cancer Network educational events and communication skills training.

General Medical Oncology is a feature of all posts but specialist experience will be available in each post to provide exposure to all aspects of cancer medicine together with radiotherapy and palliative medicine. Yorkshire trainees can achieve their core clinical training requirements in 36 months on the rotation, allowing some choice of placement for specialisation.

An extensive programme of personal development courses are available through Health Education England working across Yorkshire and the Humber which trainees are encouraged to attend.

CONTACTS

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Clinical supervisor will be assigned following appointment to align with trainee's educational needs.

Training Programme Directors (clinical):

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Further Information

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this post is exempted from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975.

Applicants are therefore, not entitled to withhold information about convictions, which for other purposes are “spent” under the provisions of the Act, and in the event of employment any failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the University. Any information given will be strictly confidential and will be considered only in relation to an application for positions to which the Order applies.

For further information about the Academic Clinical Fellowship programme, please refer to the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) Trainee Coordinating Centre (NIHRTCC) page on NIHR Integrated Academic Training For Doctors and Dentists - Academic Clinical Fellowships

Person Specifications

Applicants for this post will be required to meet the relevant Clinical eligibility criteria for the appropriate specialty and level.

Please note - (applicants applying for Surgical, Medical or Psychiatry specialties at ST3 or above may be required to consult the relevant Core Training person specification).

See <http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications>

AND the Academic eligibility criteria listed at:

<http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications>

How to Apply

For more information about applying to ACF vacancies in Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber please visit:-

http://www.yorksandhumberdeanery.nhs.uk/recruitment/our_vacancies/academic_recruitment/

Applications will only be accepted through the Oriel online application system:-

<https://www.oriel.nhs.uk>

Applications open: 10:00 on 8th October 2018

Applications close: 16:00 on 5th November 2018

After the application deadline no applications will be accepted. **There will be no exceptions to this deadline.** You are advised to complete and submit your application ahead of the deadline to allow for any unforeseen problems.

Please note: All applicants MUST already have a National Training Number (NTN) or Deanery Reference Number (DRN) in the GMC specialty to which they are applying for in order to be eligible as no clinical assessment/interview will be available for that GMC specialty for this post.

Interviews will be held at Health House in Hull on either 3rd, 10th or 12th December 2018. The specific date will be published on the Oriel system as soon as it is known.