



Job Description

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

Medical or Clinical Oncology CT1/CT2/ST3 (1 post)

The University of Leeds, in partnership with Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber and the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, has developed an exciting pathway of academic clinical training opportunities.

Applications are now invited for this post, one of two Academic Clinical Fellowships in Medical or Clinical Oncology at CT1/CT2/ST3 to start in August of 2018. This new post has been obtained in competition within 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 in the field generally known as 'Big Data'.

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

This Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) programme in Medical or Clinical Oncology will be run by the University of Leeds, the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber.

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).

These Academic Clinical Fellowships are run-through posts. 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 either the clinical or the academic component.

POST DETAILS

Job Title

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) – 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 Medical or Clinical Oncology ACF will be based at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Research institution in which training will take place

Leeds Institute of Cancer and Pathology (within the School of Medicine, University of Leeds).

Research Protected Time:

A balance will be achieved, tailored to the needs of the trainee and the advice of the academic supervisor. ACFs without prior credit in a formal postgraduate research skills course will attend an accredited postgraduate programme in health research at the University of Leeds in years 1 and 2 as day release plus additional private study. In their oncology clinical post they will have timetables balanced for research interactions. Their protected research time, 25% of the post, will be distributed through years 1-3 with the advice of their clinical and academic supervisors to build a working relationship with a research group, gain some experience in that group, and collect pilot data for a research grant application. It is likely this will consist of 2-4 month blocks of protected time, depending upon the rotation allocated. Where rotations are 6-monthly or longer, research attachments will be 3-months in duration. Where they are 4-monthly, research blocks will be 2 or 4 months long. During these periods they will have no clinical commitment unless examination progress requires it. The department currently has 4 NIHR ACFs, 1 NIHR clinical lecturer and 5 Clinical Research fellows conducting research in protected time.

Indicative rotations might be structured as:

<i>Example 1 (4 monthly posts)</i>	<i>Example 2 (6 monthly posts)</i>
CT1 Leeds St James's (SJUH): Gen Med & Diabetes Leeds General Infirmary (LGI): Cardiology - 2 months	CT1 Leeds SJUH: Respiratory Leeds LGI : Cardiology - 3 months

<p style="text-align: center;">ACF Research - 2 months</p> <p>Leeds SJUH: Elderly medicine</p> <p>CT2</p> <p>Leeds LGI: Neurology</p> <p>Leeds LGI: ACF Research</p> <p>Leeds SJUH: Oncology</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ACF Research – 3 months</p> <p>CT2</p> <p>Leeds SJUH: Renal Medicine – 3 months</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACF Research – 3 months</p> <p>Leeds SJUH: Oncology</p>
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These combine acute care training with several opportunities in academic departments, and therefore excellent opportunities for rapid and comprehensive progress through postgraduate clinical skills and examinations

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component

ACFs choosing Oncology at CT1/CT2/ST3 entry for their ACF training will be hosted in cancer research in the Leeds Institute of Cancer and Pathology. The research component of this post is linked to the NIHR IAT research theme Platform Science and Bioinformatics. The research project proposed would extend, develop and enhance the integration, analysis and visualisation of health data collected within (i) local electronic health records in secondary and primary care (ii) clinical trials (iii) NHS administrative and/or audit data (e.g. COSD, SACT, HES). The collaborative research will translate advanced computing and informatics skills (e.g. natural language processing) through real-time analysis of structured data and clinical correspondence, and present outputs to clinicians integrated within the routine health record. The applicant will be expected to demonstrate an interest in this field and some underpinning skills but considerable support will be available to learn new skills required.

Work developed before, during and after this attachment will develop for application to competitive national funding for a full-time dedicated research training, leading to a doctorate degree if successful (PhD or MD).

Appointees will have taster days in existing groups in areas that interest them, building over the post to a prolonged research attachment in a productive research group and area, such as within the [MRC Bioinformatics Centre](#) or the [ESRC Consumer Data Research Centre](#), as relevant to Oncology.

Oncology has been successful in academic developments and integrated working between medical and clinical oncology and research is highly valued. The many examples to illustrate this success include:

- The Section of Oncology and Clinical Research (Clinical and Laboratory) is among the largest and best funded UK units of this kind.
- Postgraduate training has been judged by the Royal College panels as among the best in the UK
- The Leeds Institute of Oncology within Bexley Wing on the St James’s Campus is one of the UK’s largest and best resourced centres for cancer care (see clinical training, below).

- The University of Leeds Clinical Trials Research Unit is one of the first six NCRI Clinical Trials Units.
- Collaborations are wide, including with the Faculty of Biological Sciences and with Biostatistics

The academic Section of Oncology and Clinical Research (Clinical and Laboratory) has a track record in developing successful clinical academic careers. In Medical Oncology more than 90% of our trainees have been successful in a higher research degree including senior clinical research fellowships, clinician scientist fellowships and clinical research fellowships; 35 clinicians in 20 years, 11 clinician scientist awards and 10 NIHR clinical senior lecturers.

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

This post can be offered at CT1/CT2/ST3 level. ACFs will undergo core medical training co-supervised by the Yorkshire School of Postgraduate Medicine whose remit is to ensure the provision of an education of a consistent high quality across the Yorkshire Deanery, manage initial selection, subsequent allocation and appropriate placements. The will also provide induction (in collaboration with the host NHS Trust), appraisals and competence based curriculum delivery assessments. The clinical training programme will be tailored to suit the needs of the trainee and will rotate through academic medical units where the ACFs will complete their core medical training and obtain the MRCP. Clinical Training in Oncology during ST3 upon completion of core medical training will be in Bexley Wing caring for in- and out-patients managing the full range of common, intermediate and rare cancers, and learning at regional and local multi-disciplinary team cancer care meetings, and in cancer unit placements in the wider Yorkshire area for site-specific training.

Specifically oncology Academic Clinical Fellows with Specialist Registrars, Clinical Research Fellows and Clinical Lecturers are all based since 2008 in the new St James's Institute of Oncology. This is a 66,000 sq m new building providing all clinical services including a clinical research facility for early clinical trials, a core of clinical research nursing expertise, the Cancer Registry, clinical and psychosocial research space, Pathology, Haematology and tertiary cancer surgery facilities, on the same campus as the Institute of Molecular Medicine and the Cancer Research UK Clinical Centre. The non-surgical oncology service has 15 consultants in medical oncology, 25 in clinical oncology, 6 in Paediatric Oncology

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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 <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-training-and-career-development/training-programmes/integrated-academic-training-programme/integrated-academic-training/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 listed at:-

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):-

<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 9th October 2017

Applications close: 16:00 on 6th November 2017

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.

Interviews will be held in Leeds in December 2017. The date will be confirmed shortly.