ACF Internal Medicine Response Mode Programme Details in conjunction with the University of Lancashire

Recruitment to posts starting in August 2027

Post availability

There is one post available in Medicine.
You can apply at IMT1-IMT3 level in this round of recruitment.

Please note that if you are appointed at IMT1 or IMT2 level, you will be placed in an appropriate Internal Medicine Training programme until you reach IMT3 level.

Overview

You can find generic information about Academic Clinical Fellowships in the North West plus links to the National Institute for Health Research's guidance via https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance

A link to the relevant page of the University of Lancashire website is here: Academic Clinical Fellowships

Academic Training

This NIHR integrated training programme will support the development of your career and help you work towards becoming an academic clinician. During the programme, you will benefit from joint supervision with both an experienced academic at the University of Lancashire, and a clinical supervisor based at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR).

Fellows spend 75% of their time undertaking specialist clinical training and 25% in research.

Research Areas / Research Environment

ACFs will be supervised within the Neurosciences and Stroke Research Team, which spans the University of Lancashire, LTHTR and other university partners through joint and honorary appointments.

Current research programmes include:

- Exploring diagnostic pathways in suspected cryptogenic stroke.
- Understanding predictors of death and dying after stroke.

- Evaluating the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of psychological interventions.
- Determining the feasibility of upper-limb rehabilitation.
- Understanding the contribution of digital devices in rehabilitation.
- Evaluating the impact of pre- and post-thrombectomy care on recovery.
- Improving end-of-life care practice and decision-making after stroke across hospital and community settings.

Where aligned with the agreed research project, clinical exposure will be arranged across Trusts in the North West including LTHTR.

Research Facilities

The University of Lancashire offers a research environment focused on translating research into practice through multi-method clinical and applied approaches. This is underpinned by partnerships with health and social care organisations. Trainees will benefit from interdisciplinary engagement with the Stroke Research Team, the LIFE Research Institute, the Applied Health Research Hub (which incorporates an NIHR-registered CTU, Health Technology Assessment Unit and Research Facilitation & Delivery Unit), the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration North West Coast, NIHR INSIGHT programmes, and academic and clinical colleagues working on related methodologies and topics. There will be opportunities to hone academic skills such as giving and receiving feedback, participating in peer review and presenting at seminars.

Throughout the programme, ACFs will be supported in the development of research leadership. This involves collaboration with, and supervision of, health and social care staff from partner organisations, as well as work with undergraduate interns whose paid internships often lead to publications. Appropriate supervision and mentorship aligned to the research area will be provided to the ACF, with meetings at least monthly.

Clinical Training
You can find out more about the clinical training programmes in the North West via the following link - https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty-schools
Clinical person specifications can be found via the following link - https://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications.

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Useful Links

https://www.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/Vacancies
https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance
https://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications
https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty-schools
https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/
https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/research
https://www.uhliverpool.nhs.uk/services/service-finder/stroke
https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/interventional-radiology

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