Job Description
NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow in Response Mode: Anaesthetics and Emergency Medicine
University of Plymouth

1. Job title & entry level(s):

Academic Clinical Fellow

Anaesthetics: CT1, CT2, CT3, ST4
Emergency Medicine: ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4

2. Duration of post:

3 years (FTE)

Candidates working Less Than Full Time (LTFT) or would like should notify the relevant Local Office/Deanery at point of offer of your intention to work LTFT and this will be considered against the national eligibility criteria.

3. Hospitals in which training will take place:

This training post is based in Peninsula Southwest Deanery. Rotations have not been confirmed at this stage. Should you wish to explore this in more detail, please get in touch with the Training Programme Director.

4. Research institutions in which training will take place:

University of Plymouth - https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/about-us/university-structure/faculties/health/pupsmd-research/clinical-academic-training

5. Timetabling of clinical and research time:

75% clinical 25% research in a flexible way during the working week or months in accordance with pre-agreed arrangements between the clinical and academic supervisors.

Once in post, you will be supported to complete a research project and encouraged to develop a plan to transition to a PhD.

6. Description of research component of programme

Emergency Medicine:
For Emergency Medicine, successful applicants will be encouraged to seek research opportunities in line with the priorities identified in the recent RCEM/JLA emergency medicine priority setting partnership or in the area of post-collision care (road-injury). There is a strong and successful programme of Emergency Medicine research in Plymouth, and a growing team of enthusiastic young researchers. There are a range of projects underway using a variety of different methodologies including qualitative and quantitative research led by local researchers. We have links with the Academic Department of Military Emergency Medicine (Professor Jason Smith) and the Centre for Post-Collision Care (IMPACT – Professor Tim Nutbeam) which gives

the ACF programme another dimension of working with international civilian and military partners to answer research questions relevant to the broader international community. Through relationships and links with the South West Peninsula CLAHRC a range of research methodological expertise is available, including biostatistics, qualitative and mixed methods research expertise, health economics and quantitative health service analysis. The ACF will be supervised directly by Professor Tim Nutbeam, and encouraged to participate in the ongoing programme of work looking at improvements in post-collision care and the management of major trauma, as well as developing individual research portfolios in preparation for a PhD.

Anaesthetics:

Academic Clinical Fellows in Anaesthesia will join a research-active Department that includes five existing Fellows, and an established Specialist Interest Programme for Research at senior trainee level. We have a broad range of opportunities for research in the wider field of anaesthesia including Defence medicine, pre-hospital medicine, air medical services and hyperbaric medicine. The Department recently ran the national POPPY study looking at perioperative pain management, through the highly successful SWARM trainee research network, with whom the Fellow would be able to collaborate.

This department includes a number of early-career researchers who can support career development post-Fellowship as well as established clinical academics with global reputations. Examples include within oxygen therapy (Professor Martin), Medical Education (Prof. Gale) and Defence medicine and transfusion (Prof. Woolley). The Department has collaborative research interests with our Intensive Care department including prehabilitation, oxygenation and perioperative outcomes. We have good links with the Southampton BRC which provides additional training and academic opportunities.

The Fellow will be provided with the opportunity to develop their own project through collaboration with members of the Perioperative and Intensive Care Research Group. A wide range of existing research studies, basic and translational science and data science projects and clinical trials are also available to Fellows to join and collaborate. We support an active Associate Principal Investigator program to promote direct clinical trials experience. The Fellow will work with a senior academic clinician for direct supervision with the option of secondary supervision for additional topic expertise. Support will be provided for career progression, developing a PhD proposal and opportunities for PhD and MD funding.

7. Description of clinical training component of programme

For details regarding the clinical training programme, please visit the peninsula deanery school webpage (here). Contact details are available for each of the schools. If you would like information, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

8. Academic Supervisor / Academic Programme Director:

Integrated Academic Training Lead(s):

- Professor Nicola Brennan (nicola.brennan@plymouth.ac.uk)
- Professor Daniel Martin (daniel.martin@plymouth.ac.uk)
- Dr Vicortia Haunton (victoria.haunton@nhs.net)

Academic Lead:

- Anaesthetics: Dr Jeremy Fabes (jeremy.fabes@nhs.net)
- Emergency Medicine: Dr Tim Nutbeam (timnutbeam@nhs.net)

9. Clinical Training Programme Director:

- Anaesthetics:
  - Core: Dr Nicola Campbell (nicola.campbell@somersetft.nhs.uk)
  - Higher: Dr Matthew Ward (matthewward2@nhs.net)

- Emergency Medicine:
  - Core: Dr Thomas Fox (thomas.fox5@nhs.net)
  - Higher: Dr Jenny Farrant (jennifer.farrant1@nhs.net)

10. Deanery contact for further information:

Recruitment Hotline: 01454 252 610
Recruitment Inbox: England.acfrecruitment.sw@nhs.net

11. Useful websites for further information:

NIHR Integrated Academic Training Website: http://www.nihr.ac.uk/IAT

BMA Junior Doctor Pay Scales (link to latest pay Circular): https://www.bma.org.uk/pay-and-contracts/pay/junior-doctors-pay-scales/pay-scales-for-junior-doctors-in-england

University Clinical Academic Training website: https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/about-us/university-structure/faculties/health/pupsmd-research/clinical-academic-training

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