

Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF)
DENTAL CORE TRAINING (DCT1-3) – 2 posts

1. Job Title.

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) in Dental Core Training

2. Duration of post.

3 years.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

These 2 posts will be based at King's College London (Faculty of Dentistry & Craniofacial Sciences, FoDOCS), Guy's & St Thomas' and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts but components of the work may be undertaken at any of the King's Health Partners (KHP) research or clinical sites.

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time

25% of the Fellow's post duration (as time per week or as a block arrangement) will be protected for research training activity with research group(s) at King's College London. The remaining 75% of time will be allocated to clinical activities in Kings Dental Institute, to be undertaken in the Dental School based at King's Health Partner's (KHP), with an expectation of secondments and visits to other training centres across the city. It is expected that the successful applicant will gain experience in research methodology and obtain grant funding for pilot projects, and before the end of the post obtain research funding to allow continued research in their next position.

5. Description of research component of programme

ACFs and CLs at King's undertake their research training within KHP. This environment brings together academics and clinicians who are committed to ensuring translation and adoption of research innovation into clinical practice and provides excellent clinical and research training opportunities. The Integrated Academic Training (IAT) programme at King's has trainees in a wide spread of medical and dental specialties. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to undertake the PG Certificate in Applied Research Methods for Integrated Academic Trainees run by the Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine. The successful applicant would be expected to develop research interests relevant to current research activity of FoDOCS (<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/dentistry/research/research-groups-labs>). Detailed research proposals will be established during the first year and immediate opportunities are available to join projects within the Centre's for Craniofacial Development and Regenerative Biology; Immunity, Infection & Host Microbiome Interactions or Clinical, Translational & Population Health.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

Clinical training will be undertaken as part of the NHS England Health Education Team (NHSE HET) London & South East Regions (LaSE) scheme and will be based at Guy's & St Thomas' and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts within KHP. The successful applicant will be able to undertake training within many aspects of clinical dentistry including; paediatric Dentistry, restorative dentistry, oral surgery, oral medicine, special care dentistry and dental radiology. The successful applicant will have a workspace & computer facilities provided, with electronic access to all King's College library resources.

7. Academic Programme Director name

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Recruitment Enquiries - <https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home>

12. Useful websites for further information [IAT Guide](#) | [NIHR](#)

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/academy-programmes/integrated-academic-training.htm>

13. Confirmation that the post attracts an NTN (A)

No because these posts are at DCT level

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