NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

The University of Liverpool in partnership with NIHR and the North West HEE, wish to offer an Academic Clinical Fellowship in **Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**.

The new post offer individuals to undertake research academic training and clinical training with an NTN(a) training number. Further details of the integrated academic training pathways can be found at: www.nihr.ac.uk/acfs

We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals wishing to excel in both their clinical and academic training and who have the ambition to be part of the next generation of world-leading academic clinicians.

The post is tenable for 3 years. The successful candidate will be employed by HEENW lead employer trust and have an honorary contract with the University of Liverpool.

ACF trainees undergo training in the generic skills required for a clinical academic: scientific methods, statistics, research governance, critical appraisal of research publication, grant writing etc. The trainee will join the established credit bearing research training programme within the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences for which funding is provided by NIHR.

The major part of the academic placement will be the undertaking a research project in preparation for an application for a competitive peer-reviewed training Fellowship leading to a PhD (or equivalent) or if applicable a postdoctoral fellowship.

POST DETAILS

Job Title: NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF)

Entry Level: Speciality registrar (Pre-CCST)

Speciality: **Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**

Duration of the Post: Up to 3 years (25% academic, 75% clinical)

Trust in which training will take place

University Hospitals of Liverpool Group.

Institution in which academic training will take place

University of Liverpool

Research protected time:

ACFs can have protected time to attend and complete an accredited postgraduate programme, if this fits with the overall delivery of the program. Further academic time is provided over the three-year period to ensure the academic time commitments are met.

Unsuccessful candidates:

If the post holder does not achieve the expected clinical competencies, this will be handled in the same way as for all other trainees in dentistry.

If the post holder fails to achieve academic competencies, or is unsuccessful in obtaining research funding, they would return to a clinical training post. This will be discussed in good time with the Programme Directors through the system for appraisal and mentoring of academic trainees. Whilst no guarantee of an appropriate post is possible, every effort will be made to accommodate such individuals within the local training schemes.

Successful candidates:

The exit from this post will typically be to an externally funded research fellowship, leading to award of a PhD or when applicable post docotral fellowship and subsequently application either for a Clinical Lecturer post or a Clinician Scientist Fellowship.

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component

ACFs will be enrolled on a Research Methdology Programme available through Liverpool Integrated Clinical Academic Training (ICAT) within the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences at the University of Liverpool.

It is expected that the ACF trainees would complete and submit an external funding application for a research fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD) following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, which would be completed as Out-of-Programme-Research (OOPR), or if already in possession of PhD, to submit funding applications for postdoctoral research.

The Dental Academic Programme Director is Professor Sondos Albadri.

The School of Dentistry

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

The School of Dentistry sits within the Institute of Life Course & Medical Sciences in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. The Dean of the School of Dentistry is Professor Luke Dawson who works closely with four Vice Deans in the areas of Learning and Scholarship, Student Experience, Staff Experience and Research and Postgraduate Studies. There are four Academic Units: Clinical Sciences, Oral Health, Oral Diseases, and Restorative Dentistry, responsible for the development and delivery of curriculum content at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Coordination of curriculum delivery is achieved by programme directors (UG and PG), Year Lead Teams for the BDS/BSc programmes and Pathway Leads for the DDSc.

The Dental School has over 30 full-time academic staff supported by 40 part-time staff with many honorary appointments held by hospital staff.

The School has its own Board of Studies and Curriculum Board which report to the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences for curricular matters. Strong links exist between the School of Dentistry and Dental Hospital. The Clinical Director of the Dental Hospital is Mrs Suzanne Burke.

RESEARCH IN THE DENTAL SCHOOL

This is overseen by the Vice-Dean for Research and Postgraduate Studies, Professor Sondos Albadri. The Dental School has very strong links within the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences under the leadership of the Executive Pro Vice Chancellor of the Faculty, Professor Louise Kenny. There are currently 3 main research themes in the School of Dentistry: Oral Heatlh , Dental Innovation and Educational research. Areas of expertise within these themes encompass Head and Neck Cancer, Child Oral Health, Endodontology and Dental Public Health. This provides a world-class team who feature strongly in oral research and associated fields of activity. The School has strong links with the Liverpool Head and Neck Centre and the Institute of Public Health.

RESEARCH IN THE LIVERPOOL HEAD AND NECK CENTRE, (Department Of Molecular And Clinical Cancer Medicine): https://livheadandneck.co.uk/

Co-located at the University of Liverpool, LHNC brings together a breadth of internationally recognised clinical and scientific expertise, providing a unique opportunity to make impactful differences for patients with diseases of the head and neck locally, nationally and internationally. More specifically our aims are:

1. To enhance quality and safety of patient care driven by world-leading translational research defined by contemporary clinical problems
2. To attract programmatic funding to strengthen our position as a world-leading academic institute for the treatment and translational research of head and neck disease.

FACULTY OF HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

The Faculty of Health and Life Sciences led by EPVC Professor Louise Kenny is one of three Faculties that make up the University of Liverpool the others being Science and Engineering and Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Faculty is one of the UK's leading centres for health and life science research and education. The University of Liverpool is the only HEI in the UK to offer scientific and clinical education that spans the full range of biosciences, clinical medicine, health sciences, dentistry, veterinary science and tropical medicine.

The University of Liverpool has been at the forefront of Health & Life Sciences research for 130 years and continues to build on the impressive research knowledge, experience, resources and partnerships that they have amassed. The Faculty has over 1850 staff, 5,000 undergraduates and 1,000 postgraduate students who, together with many alumni and partners, are helping to build the University's reputation every day.

The Faculty currently has Four Institutes as outlined below

- Lifecourse and Medical Sciences
- Infection, Veterinary and Ecological Sciences
- Systems, Molecular and Integrative Biology
- Population Health

This post will be based jointly in the Institute of Lifecourse and Medical Sciences (ILMS) and Systems, Molecular and Integrative Biology (ISMIB).

Through partnerships with the NHS, industry, government and others the Faculty boasts numerous Centres of Excellence in fields ranging from drug safety, infection, musculoskeletal ageing, cancer and cardiovascular sciences. The centres are strongly committed to applying their research and have a proud record of improving the lives of people and animals around the world.For further information on the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, please visit:- https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/health-and-life-sciences/

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

This post can be offered at those eligible to start specialist training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Health Education England North west will co-supervise the clinical component of the programme and the ACF will join (as an academic NTNa) the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Traning program in the North west region (Training Programme Director: Professor Keith Hunter).

Training Programme

The clinical programme is designed to provide training towards a CCST in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology. The curriculum for training will follow the national curriculum for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology which is available on the GDC website (https://www.gdc-uk.org/education-cpd/dental-education/quality-assurance/specialty-curricula/oral-and-maxillofacial-pathology).

Training is undertaken following the guidelines of the Royal College of Pathologists and is normally for a period of 5 years. The first three years of training must include one year (or equivalent) training in general pathology and will prepare the trainee for the Part 1 FRCPath examination. This is followed by 2 years of more advanced specialty training in order to gain competencies in the full range of oral and maxillofacial and relevant head and neck and general pathology. Trainees can sit the FRCPath Part 2 examination after a minimum of 48 months of commencement of training. The post holder will be expected to achieve the competencies required for the first 3 years of training during the tenure of the ACF and may also sit the Part 1 examination. The additional 2 years of training may be completed during and after a PhD fellowship. If the ACF is unable to secure funding for a fellowship, then the further training period is normally funded by the Postgraduate Dental Dean.

The successful candidate will join other trainees in Cellular Pathology and will train in rotation with colleagues, based in the Clinical Support Services Building (CSSB) at the Liverpool Royal Hospital. This will allow breaks for research time, which may be taken in short blocks as appropriate, but more prolonged periods of research can be arranged as appropriate. The details of the programme will be tailored as far as possible to the individual needs of the successful applicant, in consultation with the clinical and academic supervisors and the Training Programme Director.

It is recognised that candidates for this post will require further additional clinical training, beyond the 3 years, in order for them to be eligible for a CCST. Assuming satisfactory progress, every effort will be made, in collaboration with the Programme Director and the Postgraduate Dean, to provide additional clinical training experience locally. If the post holder is successful in obtaining a PhD fellowship, then this is normally taken as out-of-programme training for research (OOPR). Details of OOP are available in the Dental Gold Guide, which is available from the COPDEND website.

Facilities

Office accommodation and computer facilities are available within the Cellular Pathology. In addition, the Weillaim Henry Duncan Building (home to LHNC) and the Dental School hve two large lecture theatres, seminar rooms, office accommodation, extensive IT support and well-equipped laboratories. Both the School and WHD Building are in close proximity to the Royal Liverpool Hospital and the main medical library.

The City of Liverpool

The City of Liverpool provides an exciting social, cultural, historical and environmental milieu. The city centre has an excellent shopping centre, a great variety of restaurants, clubs, pubs and bars, and, of course, lies close to the River Mersey with its historic docks. Liverpool boasts excellent art galleries and museums (including The Walker Art Gallery and The Tate in the North), theatres, cinemas, and the renowned Philharmonic Hall, home to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Liverpool is the home of The Beatles, and the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts associated with Sir Paul McCartney.

It has two exceptional cathedrals facing each other along Hope Street, two famous football teams (Everton and Liverpool), and two tunnels beneath the river. Architecturally, Liverpool is a fascinating city with a wide variety of types of buildings, public squares and civic parks. Liverpudlians have a well-deserved reputation for friendliness, a great sense of humour, and a capacity for enjoying themselves.

Liverpool was awarded the European City of Culture 2008 and has attracted a lot of European financial support to develop the city infrastructure.

See Website: www.liv.ac.uk, then http://www.liv.ac.uk/about/city/

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