

Job Description for Locally Funded Academic Clinical Fellowship in DERMATOLOGY, ST3

1. Job Title.

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow in Dermatology

The principal objective of this post is to offer a career pathway for prospective clinical academics in dermatology. The Fellowship (ACF) will provide aspiring clinical scientists with the opportunity to receive clinical and research training in an established academic environment prior to obtaining a competitive research fellowship. The ACF will receive an Academic National Training Number (NTN(A)). St John's Institute of Dermatology within GSTT and KCL offers excellent opportunities for academic and clinical training in a flexible trainee-centred programme.

2. Duration of post.

Maximum of 3 year appointment during which time there will be clinical training and opportunities to develop research protocols and apply for a funded research fellowship. Candidates will leave the programme on successfully moving to a research fellowship but will move to an NTN for completion of clinical training if unsuccessful in obtaining funding for a research fellowship

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

St. John's Institute of Dermatology, King's College London

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time

Research time is usually allocated in blocks to maximise research opportunities. Flexible time can also be arranged subject to the needs of the individual.

5. Description of research component of programme

The research component will be based within St John's Institute of Dermatology, a world-leading centre for skin disease research, with a critical mass on 60 multidisciplinary clinical and translational researchers integrated with national specialist services and networks. Our common aim is to understand the molecular basis of disease development, progression (including disease severity, multi-morbidity) and therapeutic outcome, and then identify when, and how best to intervene to reduce skin disease burden. Broad themes include cancer, immune-mediated diseases and rare diseases, led by internationally-recognised senior clinical and academic scientists including McGrath & Jackow (gene/cell-based therapies for skin diseases), Karagiannis (cancer therapeutics), Flohr (environment/mind/skin axis), Whittaker (targetable genomic drivers of cutaneous lymphoma), Simpson (head of Genomic Medicine), Pink (Director, trials unit), Smith & Mahil (inflammatory skin disease), DiMeglio (Immunology). Our work is underpinned by research-ready bioresource (n>40,000 recallable participants, samples and data profiles) and involves cross- and interdisciplinary collaboration both within KHP, as well as nationally and internationally. The ACF will be fully integrated into this environment. They will have the full support from PIs and their respective groups, access to samples and data, mentorship, and structured training in relevant research methodologies depending on the theme and area of interest being pursued all with a view to developing a competitive application for doctoral training.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

The IAT ACF will join the South East London rotation training programme in dermatology (ie ST3) which includes St John's Institute of Dermatology, the leading centre for treatment of skin disease in the UK and which comprehensively covers all dermatology sub-disciplines, Kings College Hospital and Lewisham. We have the facilities and expertise to ensure successful completion of the Dermatology curriculum. Specialist residents rotate through several inflammatory, tumour and sub-specialty firms which provide full exposure to general dermatology, dermatopathology, contact dermatitis and occupational dermatoses, paediatric dermatology, genetics, dermatological surgery and laser treatments, photodermatology and photodiagnosis, dermatological oncology, wound care, inflammatory skin disease (e.g. psoriasis, eczema, immunobullous disorders, hidradenitis suppurativa) and systemic therapy. Rotations are in four-month blocks. Patients'

treatments take place in a phototherapy and day care centre and a highly specialised systemic therapy department. Joint clinics are held with radiotherapists, oncologists and plastic surgeons to conform to the multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatments. An on-call rota is established with ward round activity dependent on the attachment. Scheduled teaching occurs weekly as does a journal club and a 'clinical grand round' at which residents are required to attend. There is protected time to enable attendance at local, regional and national clinical meetings.

7. Academic Programme Director name

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9. Programme contact for further information (phone or email)

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10. NHSE contact

Specialty Team <https://lasepgmdsupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home>

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

11. Useful websites for further information

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

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

This post attracts an NTN (A).

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