Job Description

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow in Response Mode: Respiratory Medicine, General Surgery and Cardiology University of Exeter Medical School

1. Job title & entry level(s):

Academic Clinical Fellow

General Surgery: ST1, ST2, ST3
Respiratory Medicine: ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4
Cardiology: IMT1, IMT2, IMT3, 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:

[TRAINING PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE ROTATIONS]
This training post is based in the Peninsula Deanery. Rotations have not been confirmed unless stated below. Should you wish to explore this in more detail, please get in touch with the Training Programme Director.

Clinical academic training is usually co-located and so we would expect the majority of rotations to be based in Exeter. However, this is subject to confirmation from the Training Programme Director and may vary depending on specialty and supervisor location.

4. Research institutions in which training will take place:

University of Exeter -
https://www.exeter.ac.uk/faculties/hls/studying/catp/doctors/academicclinicalfellow/

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.

6. Description of research component of programme

Our ACF response mode posts are linked to the five key themes of the University of Exeter's NIHR Exeter Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) (Genetics and Genomics, Diabetes, Rehabilitation, Neurodegeneration and Clinical Mycology) with the potential for cross-cutting projects with our emerging themes of Respiratory Medicine, Mental Health and Surgery. More information about the NIHR BRC themes is available on our website: https://www.exeterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/ .The BRC focusses on cutting edge translational research to improve health outcomes for patients and ACFs will have the opportunity to develop their own research ideas that align with local research expertise across the themes, and which is relevant to their clinical specialty.

Examples of some key research areas and opportunities are provided below, but applicants are welcome to identify potential supervisors from senior Medical School academic staff and are also encouraged to contact the Exeter IAT Lead (see below) for further advice on research opportunities linked to their specialty.

General Surgery ACFs may work with Professor John Findlay (https://experts.exeter.ac.uk/38041-john-findlay) on projects in the area of hernia / abdominal wall surgery, abdominal wall function, and chronic pain after surgery, including clinical informatics, clinical studies, and evidence synthesis.
There are a range of project areas for ACFs in Respiratory Medicine, including in the area of pulmonary fibrosis/interstitial lung disease (contact Prof Michael Gibbons and colleagues: https://www.exeterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/people/michael-gibbons/) and projects within the BRC Clinical Mycology theme (https://www.exeterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/research/clinical-mycology/).
For ACFs in Cardiology, there is no specific Cardiology BRC theme, but research relevant to cardiology is conducted across the BRC and the linked NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC South West). For example, projects are available with the Clinical Academic Department of Ageing and Brain Health (led by Prof Jane Masoli). Specific strengths include health data science (AGE Group), Multiple long-term conditions, and cardiovascular frailty .(https://sites.exeter.ac.uk/age/)

7. Description of clinical training component of programme

For details regarding the clinical training programme, please visit the Peninsula Deanery School webpage. 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:

All trainees will have access to expert academic supervision. Trainees are welcome to identify supervisors from amongst senior academic staff in our medical school. Integrated academic programme leads are more than happy to provide support and advice on this issue

Integrated Academic Training Lead(s):

- Professor Tamsin Newlove-Delgado (t.newlove-delgado@exeter.ac.uk)

9. Clinical Training Programme Director:

- General Surgery:
  - Core: Ms Ceri Beaton (ceri.beaton@nhs.net)
  - Higher: Mr Wesley Lai (wesley.lai@nhs.net)

- Respiratory Medicine:
  - Core (IMT): Dr Julia Bell and Dr John Corcoran (julia.bell1@nhs.net & john.corcoran1@nhs.net)
  - Higher: Dr David Waine and Dr Sarah Foster (david.waine@nhs.net; Sarah.Foster@SomersetFT.nhs.uk)

- Cardiology:
  - Core (IMT): Dr Julia Bell and Dr John Corcoran (julia.bell1@nhs.net & john.corcoran1@nhs.net)
  - Higher: Dr Georgina Ooues (georgina.ooues@nhs.net) and Dr Rahul Potluri (r.potluri@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

Resident 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.exeter.ac.uk/faculties/hls/studying/catp/doctors/academicclinicalfellow/
https://www.exeter.ac.uk/faculties/hls/studying/catp/

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