

Job Description
NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow in Response Mode:
Geriatric Medicine and Clinical Radiology
University of Plymouth

1. Job title and entry level(s)

- Academic Clinical Fellow
 - Geriatric Medicine: ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4
 - Clinical Radiology: ST1 only

2. Duration of post

- 3 years (FTE)
- Less Than Full Time (LTFT): notify the relevant Local Office at point of offer. This will be considered against the national eligibility criteria.

3. Clinical placements

This training post is based in Peninsula Southwest Region. Rotations have not been confirmed. Should you wish to explore options in more detail, please contact the Training Programme Director.

4. Linked research institutions

- [University of Plymouth Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry](#)
- [Sustain Southwest](#)

5. Timetabling of clinical and research time

- Time split: 75% clinical, 25% research
- Flexibility in schedule depending on commitments
- Arranged with the agreement of the trainee, clinical and academic supervisors.

6. Research component

Geriatric Medicine

The Geriatric Medicine ACF programme is led by [Dr Victoria Haunton](#), a clinical academic geriatrician and Integrated Academic Training Programme Lead. The successful ACF will be supported by experienced supervisors to develop a clinical research project relevant to Ageing in readiness for a doctoral research fellowship application. There is flexibility in the project focus depending on individual interests. However, there is specific expertise in Plymouth relating to ageing physiology and neuroscience. Our strong links with other specialties, including neurosurgery and neurology afford opportunities for interdisciplinary research. This includes research helping to understand co-morbidity and complications in older, frailer people with head injury. There are opportunities for ACFs to join national collaborations, contribute to trial design, recruitment and oversight, and develop embedded sub-studies. We have specific expertise in PPIE with underserved groups through CREATE-B (Community Research Engagement in Ageing, Trials and the Brain), a public engagement group promoting brain and trial research activity in older people.

Clinical radiology

The Radiology ACF programme is led by Dr Mark Thurston; interventional radiology research supervision is provided by Dr Paul Jenkins. We have an active collaboration with clinical specialties including neurosurgery and neurology. The group manage state of the art GPU computer hardware, highly beneficial for analysis of large radiology datasets. Project choice is guided by the applicant's interests; the group have particular expertise in predicting disease from routine imaging data and computer vision techniques for analysis of medical imaging data.

Within Interventional radiology we have a broad variety of studies active as part of the 'Plymouth IR Research' group with strong links to BSIR and a number of other academic IR sites which we collaborate with. We are currently running an industry funded UK based Multicentre prospective registry looking at PE thrombectomy ('TIPE') study and supporting the UK Interventional Radiology Trainees' network (UNITE) to host the 'Magic Embo' study amongst other studies and grant applications. We have active links with a wider variety of specialties in particular Vascular, Hepatology and Respiratory. Our research encompasses the breadth of IR which is delivered at Plymouth as a Major Trauma Centre and Vascular centre, as well as a Tertiary Interventional Oncology referral centre.

7. Clinical training description

Clinical training programme available on the [Peninsula Deanery School webpage](#):

- [School of Radiology](#)
- [School of Medicine](#)

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 Victoria Haunton (victoria.haunton@nhs.net)

Academic Lead:

- Geriatric Medicine:
 - Dr Victoria Haunton (victoria.haunton@plymouth.ac.uk)
- Clinical Radiology:
 - Dr Mark Thurston (mark.thurston@nhs.net)
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9. Clinical Training Programme Directors

- Geriatric Medicine:
 - IMT:
 - Dr Julia Bell (julia.bell1@nhs.net)
 - Dr John Corcoran (john.corcoran1@nhs.net)
 - Higher: Dr Tracey Grey (tracey.grey2@nhs.net)
- Clinical Radiology:
 - Dr Dinuka Kuruppu (dinuka.kuruppu@nhs.net)
 - Dr Dushyant Shetty (dushyant.shetty@nhs.net)

10. Deanery contacts

Recruitment Hotline: 01454 252 610

Recruitment Inbox: England.acfreruitment.sw@nhs.net

11. Useful websites

- [NIHR Integrated Academic Training](#)
- [BMA Junior Doctor Pay Scales \(latest pay Circular\)](#)
- [University Clinical Academic Training](#)

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