

Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Haematology (Clinical Therapeutics & Pharmacology & Industry) ST3

1. Job Title.

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Haemato-Oncology
GMC Specialty: Haematology

2. Duration of post.

The post is for a maximum of 36 months. The expected outcome of an NIHR ACF is the preparation of a successful application for a research Training Fellowship or educational training programme leading to a higher degree, or if applicable, a postdoctoral fellowship. Progress will be monitored, but in the event that an individual is unsuccessful in obtaining a research training fellowship/place on an educational training programme within three years, they will join a standard clinical training programme.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

The Institute of Cancer Research

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time

The post holder will spend 75% of their time in clinical training and 25% of their time undertaking research in Haemato-Oncology. The way this time is formulated will be dependent on the successful candidate and their clinical and academic requirements. It could potentially be with alternating blocks of 9 months clinical and 3 months academic work per year or a full 9 months at some point during the 3 years. It is anticipated that the dedicated research time will be used to develop a specific project, leading to a higher degree (MD/PhD) funded by a specific research grant.

5. Description of research component of programme

The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) and The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust (RM) have worked in partnership for over a century and together are ranked as one of the top comprehensive cancer centres worldwide. The RM/ICR NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC), the only one to specifically focus on cancer, was established in 2006 and continually funded since then, renewed for a further five years in 2022. The BRC supports a large portfolio of world-leading experimental medicine, translating cutting edge laboratory research to innovations in patient care whilst offering a highly supportive training environment for clinical academics and an exceptional translational research culture.

The ICR has a long history of world-leading research in haemato-oncology across disciplines including myeloma, acute and chronic leukaemias and lymphoma. The alliance of the two institutes provides a unique environment within which to carry out translational studies with access to both basic scientific expertise and patient material. The Institute has a range of divisions with the overall aim of make the discoveries that defeat cancer.

The research must fit within the theme “Clinical Therapeutics/Pharmacology/Industry” so is likely to focus on mechanisms of treatment efficacy or therapy resistance in blood cancers and/or novel therapy development. Defining the specific research will be done in conjunction with the candidate. There is some flexibility in this decision based on the research interest of the candidate and the research teams present at the ICR and the various options will be explored in the early months of the post. Laboratory, computing and library facilities will be available within the ICR.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

The clinical component of the training is carried out in The Royal Marsden Hospital and other hospitals within the SW London training programme including St George's Hospital, Croydon University Hospital, St Helier Hospital, Frimley Park Hospital and Royal Surrey Hospital.

The objectives of the clinical training programme are: (a) to achieve the necessary laboratory diagnostic and clinical competencies equivalent to those trainees at a similar stage on the SpR/StR rotation in all aspects of haematology (b) to pass the necessary examinations leading to Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists and (c) to obtain broad experience and knowledge of different aspects of haemato-oncology, so as to allow the trainee to identify sub-specialty interests and research questions that will drive their future academic career. Placements within different hospitals and departments will be arranged to ensure the candidate can meet these objectives for both their clinical and academic requirements.

7. Academic Programme Director name

Integrated Academic Lead for Haematology at ICR – Dr Charlotte Pawlyn

8. Clinical Programme Director name

Training Programme Director for South West London – Dr Caroline Ebdon

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

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10. NHSE contact:

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

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

11. Useful websites for further information

[IAT Guide | NIHR](#)

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

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

Yes

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