Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Medical Oncology (ST3)

1. Job Title: Academic Clinical Fellow in Medical Oncology

2. Duration of post: 3 years.

It is anticipated that towards the end of the fellowship the Fellow will compete for external funding to pursue a PhD. If unsuccessful they will revert to the clinical training program at an appropriate level within the North London training program.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place
UCL Cancer Institute - https://www.ucl.ac.uk/medical-sciences/divisions/cancer

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time
Protected research time will be allocated as 25% research and 75% clinical training. In addition, the fellow will be expected to attend appropriate courses in generic and transferable skills where appropriate. Flexible week working can also be considered.

5. Description of research component of programme
There will be opportunities with groups working in the UCL Cancer Institute and/or in the NIHR UCH Clinical Research Facility (CRF).

The UCL Cancer Institute is located in the heart of London, and part of UCL. UCL is consistently ranked within the top 20 global universities. The Institute is the hub for cancer research at UCL with a total staff of nearly 400. The main Institute is located in the Paul O'Gorman Building, Huntley Street (226 scientists, 32 support staff), with additional presence in the Cancer Research UK & UCL Cancer Trials Centre (81 researchers and support staff) and in Haematology, Royal Free Campus (27 scientists and support staff). Particular areas of strength include stem cell biology and therapy (supported by GMP laboratories), immunotherapy, transcription factors, cell cycle, genomics, mechanisms of chromatin regulation and cancer clinical trials (supported by dedicated GCLP laboratories for PK and PD analyses).

Since 2007, the Institute's total research income has more than doubled to over £85 million. This growth is due to the recruitment of new research Group Leaders (Career Establishment Fellows and established Professorial level recruitment), new clinician scientists (Clinical Senior Lecturer and Professorial level), a significant increase in industrial and EU funding, and the creation of an atmosphere where all researchers are inspired to apply for ambitious collaborative programmes. The Institute currently has over 80 PhD, MB/PhD or MDRes students. The Institute has state-of-the-art core facilities including FACS, microscopy, next generation sequencing, expression arrays, proteomics, LC-MS/MS, SPR and CTC analysis. UCL is one of only four UK Cancer Centres with core support as a Cancer Research UK Centre, Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre (ECMC), Cancer Research UK & UCL Cancer Trials Centre (CTC), Leukaemia and Lymphoma Centre of Excellence, as well as a dedicated Cancer Clinical Research Facility (CRF). During the past 5 years, UCL and UCLH have invested over £170 million in cancer-specific clinical care and research infrastructure.

The **NIHR UCH CRF** is a state-of-the-art facility for Experimental Cancer Medicine. It is located at 170 Tottenham Court Road and was formally opened by HRH Princess Alexandra on 7th December 2009. Coversover, 7000m2 and comprises twenty treatment spaces, clinic rooms, a pharmacy dispensary and a GCLP sample handling laboratory. The sample-handling laboratory is closely linked with the main GCLP lab,

which contains a large assay lab for pharmacokinetic (PK), and pharmacodynamic (PD) studies and is located in the Paul O'Gorman Building, UCL Cancer Institute. A broad portfolio academic and commercially sponsored early phase clinical trials are undertaken including first-in-man as well as tumour specific phase I and II trials.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

The clinical duties of the post in ST3 onwards will take the form of specialist registrar grade work largely based within hospitals constituting the North and East London and Mount Vernon Cancer Network serving a population of around 6 million. Currently the rotation hosts 11 training posts into which the academic fellowship will be incorporated. All clinical placements will be in recognised training posts and last for 6 or 9 months depending on the case mix. Clinical training will conform to the PMETB curriculum to ensure that required clinical competencies are achieved. In addition to common cancers such as lung, breast and bowel, there is unique exposure in the network to tumour types in which we have a national reputation including hepatobiliary, neuroendocrine, head and neck, gynecological and lung cancer as well as being a major sarcoma centre. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of clinical trials ranging from national phase III trial to phase I. Participation in Clinical Audit and management and teaching will be encouraged during clinical attachments. Annual joint clinical and academic appraisal will be arranged with the clinical and academic leads.

7. Academic Programme Director name
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Dr Paul Mulholland

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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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