

Academic Clinical Fellowship in Paediatric Surgery 2027

Description of ACF Programme:
Title: Paediatric Surgery Duration: 3 years
Lead NHS Hospital/Trust and contact details:
University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.
Research Institution in which training will take place:
University of Southampton, Faculty of Medicine
Arrangements for protected research time:
9 months is spent out of clinical service.
Research Objectives:
1. to become familiar with research design and prosecution. 2. to participate in on-going and committed studies in paediatric surgery 3. to participate in prospective clinical studies (NIHR portfolio) 4. to obtain preliminary data to support application for a clinical training fellowship
Description of research component of programme (up to 500 words):
The programme aims to give the successful candidate 9 months research experience in Paediatric Surgery at the University of Southampton. Nine months will be taken as a research 'block' to facilitate backfill either at the beginning or end of the tenure of the post. The successful applicant will join the Paediatric Surgery research group with the aim of achieving enough preliminary data to support a clinical training fellowship application. The research interests of the department include: treatment of acute appendicitis (multicentre NIHR funded trial), necrotising enterocolitis (prospective funded studies), gastroschisis (prospective funded study), congenital lung lesions (prospective funded study) and duodenal atresia (national cohort study). The research activity has a strong clinical focus with some laboratory opportunities available. The group also has an interest in methodological aspects of research in Paediatric Surgery with expertise in randomised controlled trials and the development of Core Outcome Sets.

Description of clinical component of programme (up to 500 words):
The clinical programme is identical to the normal core deanery programme (appointment is anticipated to be at CT1 level) with (as a guide) a year in a hospital near Southampton, a year in Southampton and 9 months in research in the Paediatric Surgery. Research may be taken at the beginning of the 3 year term or at the end. Clinical posts will include paediatric surgery (4 months in CT1 and 6 months in CT2), general surgical specialties (colorectal, HPB, oesophagogastric and breast) as well as vascular, urology and critical care. The ACF is expected to achieve the same ISCP competencies as other core trainees.
Specific support provided to trainee
Laboratory training as part of post graduate school, regular lab meetings and meetings with academic supervisor.
Milestones and timing of achievement of academic and clinical competencies
Year 1 • Clinical competencies as defined by ISCP • Research may be carried out in this year or year 3. • Preliminary data to support CTF application • Peer review publications
Year 2 • Clinical competencies as defined by ISCP
Year 3 • Clinical competencies as defined by ISCP • For research see year 1
How post links in to the NIHR approved Research Training Programme at your locality
Academic Paediatric Surgery sits within General Surgery which has an Academic Foundation Programme that provides many of the applicants for the ACF posts. General surgery also has a regular NIHR CL post available.
Trainee Centeredness
Research programme is tailored to meet the trainee's needs as is the lab training. There is flexible clinical involvement during the 9 month research to ensure opportunity to achieve appropriate competencies.
Quality assurance of the programme
The clinical programme has Deanery quality assurance. The research programme is quality assured by the normal mechanisms within the Post Graduate School and the Faculty of Medicine.

Mentoring Arrangements:

An independent mentor is provided separate from the Academic Supervisor and facilitated through the Faculty of Medicine's mentoring program.

Academic Lead (University) for the IAT Programme:

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Confirmation that ACF posts attract an Academic NTN (ACA):

This post will attract a National Training Number with a specialty component of ACA to identify as an Academic.