

Job description for 2027 ACF posts

1. Title of Post

Academic Clinical Fellowship

2. Duration of post

The ACF programme is up to 3 years. It is expected that appointees will successfully compete for external funding towards PhD training at the end of 3 years if they have not already undertaken a PhD. Details of arrangements for appointees who do not secure a research training fellowship at the end of this period are outlined in the NIHR Academy.

3. Hospitals – bases for training

This could be at hospitals within the following organisations:

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

During an ACF and the subsequent run-through training, residents could rotate through any of the above training trusts, depending on the Specialty.

4. Research – base for training

At Newcastle University (www.newcastle.ac.uk/research and <http://www.newcastlebrc.nihr.ac.uk>) Newcastle Health Research Partners (NHRP) Academy health and care academic career development is a major focus. All ACFs are part of the NHRP Academy, which represents a flagship part of the whole

NHRP programme: <https://newcastlehealthresearchpartnership.org/>. The vision of the NHRP partners is to become a sector leader, with the definitive UK health and care academic careers

development programme. Clinicians from medical, dental, pharmacy, allied health, healthcare sciences and nursing professions already form an essential part of our research and education community. Moving forward, we are extending our programmes into the areas of public health, social care and applied research methodology to reflect emerging national opportunities and priorities. Working together, Newcastle aims to be a world-leading clinical and health research centre translating scientific research into health and wellbeing benefits for all.

5. Arrangements for protected research time

ACFs will have nine months (full time equivalent) dedicated to research and academic training during the three years. Configuration of this time will depend in part on the nature of the research project being pursued and the arrangements will differ from specialty to specialty. Each ACF will have an individual plan for academic time depending on the nature of the research and clinical training.

6. Clinical and research component of programme

Further information on Integrated Academic Training is available from the NIHR TCC website:

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

The NIHR Academy manages both the Academic Clinical Fellowship and Clinical Lectureship phases of the Integrated Academic Pathway.

ACFs will participate in the on-call rota during their clinical time. Participation of on call during research time will be dependent on the organisation and specialty and will be agreed locally.

7. Mission statement

The programme seeks to provide, over a 3-year period, high quality clinical and research training opportunities with the aim that, at completion, the resident will have:

- I. Successfully obtained a research training fellowship in order to undertake (2 or) 3 years' full-time research to study for a (MD or) PhD.
- II. Successfully completed Year 3 ARCP (including the successful completion of Basic Training (BT) and evidence of progress through Intermediate Training (IT), as laid out in the Specialty Curriculum).

8. Programme contact for further information

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10. Training number status

This post carries an NTN (A)