

ACF Ophthalmology Programme Details in conjunction with the University of Manchester

Overview

You can find generic information about Academic Clinical Fellowships in the North West plus links to the National Institute for Health Research's guidance via <https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance>

This ACF scheme in Ophthalmology has been running for over 15 years and has been highly successful in training ACFs. A large proportion of previous fellows have gone on to undertake PhDs and develop strong clinical academic careers.

ACFs are primarily based at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital for their clinical work. As the second largest eye hospital in the UK, it offers high-quality training across all subspecialty areas (with the exception of ocular oncology).

Academic Training

This programme offers excellent opportunities to undertake clinical and/or laboratory-based research. Particular areas of strength include ophthalmic genetics (including gene therapy), imaging (including machine learning and adaptive optics imaging), retinal and paediatric ophthalmology research.

Where possible we develop specific research projects to cater for the interests of the ACFs. This can involve establishing new collaborations with academics at the University of Manchester.

Research Areas / Research Environment

The research environment is excellent because of the close links and geographic proximity between Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and research laboratories at the University of Manchester. An overview of ophthalmology/vision research at the University of Manchester can be found at:

<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/manchester-vision-network/key-areas-of-research/>

Research Facilities

There are cutting-edge clinical research facilities at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and basic science research laboratories at the University of Manchester.

Among other, the University of Manchester has extensive core research facilities that support bioinformatic, multiomic and gene editing research.

Clinical Training

You can find out more about the clinical training programmes in the North West via the following link - https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty_schools

Clinical person specifications can be found via the following link - [Person Specifications | Medical Hub](#)

Useful Links

<https://www.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/Vacancies>

<https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance>

<https://medical.hee.nhs.uk/medical-training-recruitment/medical-specialty-training/person-specifications/person-specifications-2026>

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