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

1. Job Title. Academic Clinical Fellow in Clinical Oncology (Digital theme) ST3

2. Duration of post.
The post is for a maximum of 36 months. Successful candidates will undertake training and be supported in obtaining a Research fellowship (in most instances leading to PhD). Unsuccessful trainees will revert to national run through training and will complete clinical training within the South London/KSS Clinical Oncology training scheme.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place
The Institute of Cancer Research

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time
1 day a week in years 1-2 to attend MSc Oncology course and 1 day a week in year 3 for the MSc project plus a 6 month block in year 2/3 to develop a research project.

5. Description of research component of programme
Year 1 and 2

- The trainee will be registered on the ICR's PGCert/PGDip/MSc in oncology training course Yrs 1-2 this will consist of 1 day a week day release for 36 weeks a year; leading to a PG diploma in oncology. This programme also covers the NIHR ACF training programme requirements for research training and as such the trainee will not be required to pay fees for selected modules.
- Regular mentoring sessions with academic mentor
- Local academic meetings lectures and tailored training to individual needs

Year 3
Towards the end of year 2/ beginning of year 3; a 6 month block to complete grant application, learn laboratory skills as agreed with supervisor prepare for grant interviews, preparation work for research papers and completion of MSc thesis leading to award of MSc in oncology.

We have special interests in the physical basis of radiotherapy, imaging related to radiotherapy and biological research in the combination of new therapies with radiation. This work is supported by two CRUK radiotherapy program grants but the ICR has research teams investigating a wide range of topics. ACFs will be supported in identifying hosts to follow their interests.
Additional time will be provided if required on discussion with program leader.

- Regular discussions (at least monthly) with other academic trainees (research fellows and clinical lecturers) (cross speciality) to discuss research and research plans

Each ACF will be allocated an academic mentor (a senior academic from the unit) who will provide clinical and academic supervision. The ACF will have a regular review of progress (1-2 monthly) and be offered specific advice on progress and direction for further work. A 6 monthly appraisal and assessment will be undertaken to assess clinical and academic progress against pre-set goals. The Academic mentor will liaise with the Academic Training Lead to ensure satisfactory progress is made.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

The clinical rotation will take place at RMH, Imperial and either Royal Sussex or Royal Surrey. The trainees would be expected to spend their ST4 and ST5 year at RMH.

The major features of the programme are:

• Attachments of 6 months enable trainees to experience the breadth of Oncology being taught regularly by a variety of leaders in their field. This enables trainees to develop broad experience in general oncology management including the delivery of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and brachytherapy as well as experience of site specific issues.
• It is based in Department of Clinical Oncology which is nationally/internationally recognised for its programme of radiotherapy based research. In addition to work in the development of all aspects of Radiotherapy treatments with a close collaboration with Sections of Physics and Imaging, there is a strong interest in cancer genetics and links with a wide range of other research groups. The department usually supports between 10-20 clinical fellows. ACFs will have opportunity to meet and discuss research projects and outcomes both formally and informally.
• Extensive involvement in clinical trials (over 100 currently) means that trainees at Royal Marsden Hospital FT have considerable exposure to clinical research and trial methodology. For Academic Clinical Fellows this will be further enhanced by specific preparation for an academic career

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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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