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Academic Clinical Fellowship

In

Medical Oncology

(ST3)

One post

Entry: August 2027

Job title	Academic Clinical Fellow in Medical Oncology
Post(s)	ACF-2027-14-010 – Clinical Therapeutics & Pharmacology & Industry – Medical Oncology OR Otolaryngology OR Plastic Surgery
NIHR Priority Research Theme	Post **ACF-2027-14-010** has been awarded under the research theme **Clinical Therapeutics & Pharmacology & Industry**. The appointee will be expected to develop a research programme in that theme area.

These posts will attract an Academic National Training Number – NTN(a)

Duration and Outcome

This post will be appointed at ST3 level and is funded for three years. The principal aim of the ACF scheme is to allow academically gifted clinical trainees the opportunity for 25% protected research training and during that time to formulate and submit an application for an externally funded Research Training Fellowship (RTF) (e.g. Medical Research Council, Wellcome Trust, British Heart Foundation). If candidates are unsuccessful in obtaining funding for an RTF/PhD, they can transfer into non-ACF ST3+ posts and pursue full-time clinical sub-specialty training. It is anticipated that all successful ACFs completing RTFs would be in a strong position to compete for Clinical Lecturer posts following award of their higher research degree, as per the Integrated Academic Training programme.

NHS Organisation(s) in which training will take place

Training will mainly be based at Department of Oncology, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge and in the University of Cambridge Department of Oncology, incorporating research opportunities within the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Centre.

Southend, Peterborough, King's Lynn, West Suffolk, Norfolk & Norwich and Stevenage/ Mount Vernon hospitals are part of the East of England Medical Oncology Programme, organised into "mini-rotations" with Addenbrookes. Trainees should expect to spend up to two years training at these hospitals.

Research Institution(s) in which training will take place

University of Cambridge and Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Day release or block release for protected research time?

Medical Oncology adopt a flexible approach to research time, adapted to the needs of the ACF and the type of research. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will be available for

research comprising 25% WTE over three years ie on a block basis. This will be subject to negotiation between ACF and academic training lead/ TPD.

Description of the Research Component

Medical Oncology host a significant number of academic trainees, and the speciality is well positioned to support a wide variety of research projects that would fit under the theme of Clinical Therapeutics & Pharmacology & Industry.

The clinical department sees approximately 5,000 new patients per year. A summary of the NHS Department of Oncology can be found at the following website:

https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/cancer-services/what-we-do/oncology

Clinical cancer research is well-established with Cambridge which enters over 3000 patients into a broad range of oncology studies annually and recruits 58% of patients into NIHR portfolio studies against a national average of 18%.

Cambridge is a Cancer Research UK "Major Cancer." The Cancer Research UK Cambridge Centre (CCC), https://crukcambridgecentre.org.uk/, combines the research of the University campus and surrounding areas with the clinical facilities of the Hospital. The mission of the CR UK Cambridge Cancer Centre is to reduce the morbidity and mortality of patients with cancer through research, treatment and education. Research in the Centre is organised into twelve programs, which include external partners in pharmaceutical and biotech, with whom investigators have strong existing collaborations.

Academic physicians in Medical Oncology are associated with the University Department of Oncology, led by Professor Rebecca Fitzgerald. The trainee's timetable will be agreed with the academic lead following appointment. An example would be:

As an example, for those new to the campus or still to develop their research plans we suggest year 1, the Academic Clinical Fellow will have 1-2 days per week to develop research plans. Working alongside clinical teams it would be desirable to develop experience in clinical research methodology as well as practical work such as trial protocol development and submission via ethics and regulatory systems. The fellow will be encouraged and can visit several laboratory groups in year 1 to choose one or two groups to work with during years 2 and 3.

In years 2 and 3, the Academic Clinical Fellow will work with laboratory/ research group(s) chosen in year 1. The fellow will gain experience of research methodologies, results and their analysis and their discussion in laboratory meetings. During this period, the fellow may choose a project for a higher degree and form plans for a competitive grant application, together with their prospective supervisor.

Description of the Clinical Training Component

Clinical training takes the same form as for Medical Oncology specialist trainees, including participation in attachment rotas and the out-of-hours on-call arrangements.

Trainees will be allocated to clinical posts/ teams in line with the current Medical Oncology curriculum to ensure all mandatory tumour sites are covered during speciality training. Posts are updated regularly to ensure the best training experience and recently created posts include rotations in skin and cellular therapy as well as early phase clinical trials.

Further Information and Contacts

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