Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Public Health Medicine (Prevention and Public Health) ST1 - ST2

1. Job Title.

Academic Clinical Fellow in Public Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

2. Duration of post.

The post is for three years. The post starts at ST1 or ST2 level.

The ACF training time is divided as follows:

- 25% of the time is in academic training that can involve research in areas such as clinical epidemiology, applied health research, public health policy, global health, health informatics, and/or infectious diseases epidemiology.
- 75% of the time is in general specialty public health training.

All ACF applicants at ST1 level need to apply through the general Public Health recruitment portal on Oriel and undertake the Assessment Centre and Selection Centre processes in January/February 2027 to be benchmarked. Applicants at ST2 level in Public Health will have already taken the Assessment and Selection Centres and been benchmarked at the time they were recruited to Public Health Specialty Training at ST1 level. See https://www.fph.org.uk/training-careers/recruitment/ for further information on Public Health specialty recruitment.

Please note that these posts are open to applicants from a medical background (applying to start at ST1 or ST2 level) or a Background Other than Medicine (applying to start at ST2 level). All applicants applying at ST2 level will need to already hold a National Training Number (NTN).

At the end of the three-year ACF post, trainees will continue on the general (non-academic) Public Health training programme at a stage commensurate with their training requirements.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time

The ACF can either undertake their academic training in one or two blocks or over a regular allocation of days per week, though blocks of academic time is the preferred structure. This decision is made in conjunction with their academic Educational Supervisor, their specialty training Educational Supervisor and their Training Programme Director.

5. Description of research component of programme

LSHTM provides a national and international focus for collaboration in teaching and research where clinical, population, laboratory and social sciences are integrated to address the broad issues of health. The strength of these disciplines, combined in a single institution and tightly linked by a

common mission, creates a unique multidisciplinary environment for teaching, training and research.

Research programmes at LSHTM are therefore multidisciplinary and range from basic laboratory studies to applied public health research and from disease specific studies to those that deal with environmental or behavioural risk factors. Few schools of public health can match the School's research quality, productivity and breadth, and none has its international credentials. The 'cutting edge' and international quality of the School's research contributes significantly to the quality and range of its teaching and training.

The post holder will be expected to develop a proposal for a doctoral (or post-doctoral) research training fellowship in public health under the supervision of academic staff at LSHTM (https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research). To support this, they will have access to a diverse range of world class investigators across all three of the School's Faculties: Public Health and Policy (PHP), Epidemiology and Population Health (EPH) and Infectious and Tropical Diseases (ITD) (https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/faculties).

The aim of the Faculty of Public Health and Policy (PHP) is the improvement of global health through research, teaching and the provision of advice in the areas of health policy, health systems and services, and individual, social and environmental influences on health. Interests and activities embrace the health needs of people living in countries at all levels of development. PHP is the largest multi-disciplinary public health group in Europe, with a total of over 220 staff including epidemiologists, public health physicians, economists, policy analysts, anthropologists, sociologists, historians, psychologists, statisticians and mathematicians.

EPH is home to the largest grouping of epidemiologists in Europe with research expertise ranging from clinical trials, statistical analysis, genetic epidemiology, and large-scale observational studies through to the design and evaluation of clinical and public health interventions in low, middle and high-income countries. It hosts the NIHR Health Protection Research Unit (HPRU) in Immunisations which does crucial public health research, for instance, into the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 (and other) vaccines, directly informing decisions by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). ITD meanwhile offers an interface between laboratory science, clinical medicine and population health, as well as close links with colleagues and collaborators in more than 100 countries.

Across LSHTM, the post-holder will benefit from strong international links with academic centres of excellence in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South and North America, with national and international policymakers, and with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, a partnership of universities, international agencies (such as WHO and the World Bank) and national governments. LSHTM also has strong academic links with the NHS and Public Health teams in London and across England.

Academic mentorship will be provided by an Educational Supervisor in Public Health. They will help introduce ACFs to potential supervisors, help identify the most relevant department for them to be based in, provide advice on planning their research attachments in preparation for fellowship applications and facilitate access to the NIHR Annual Bursary of £1,000 each year they are in post for conference fees, workshops and research visits including travel, registration and hotel costs.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

Specialty Public Health training comprises 75% of time in this post. The Public Health ACF will undertake training in the London School of Public Health Speciality Training.

- For an ACF starting at ST1 level, the three-year post incorporates the majority of the time that public health registrars need to spend in local level public health, at a local authority and in health protection, over the course of their training. Further local level and or health protection placements may be required later in training to complete specific curriculum learning outcomes if these have not been completed earlier in training.
- An ACF starting at ST2 level needs to be a current National Training Number (NTN) holder.

Public Health ACFs will undertake an accredited Public Health Master's degree, if they have not already done so, in the first or second year of their training, pending discussion with their Training Programme Director. This has normally been undertaken at LSHTM. ACFs are expected to undertake their Faculty of Public Health Diplomate Examination and Final Membership Examination during the 3 years of their ACF. The ACF will also be expected to comply with ARCP process requirements throughout their training, as set by NHS England.

Public Health ACFs will be allocated an educational supervisor for each placement. Once assessed as competent for health protection work, Public Health ACFs will undertake associated on-call work until deemed competent to undertake out of hours work unsupervised. See https://www.fph.org.uk/training-careers/specialty-training/ and https://london.hee.nhs.uk/specialty-schools/welcome-school-public-health for further information on Public Health specialty training and on the training programme within the London School of Public Health Specialty Training.

7. Academic Programme Director name

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8. Clinical Programme Director name

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10. NHSE contact:
Specialty Team https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home
Recruitment Enquiries - https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home

11. Useful websites for further information
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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