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ACF Psychiatry Programme Details in conjunction with the University of Liverpool

Post availability

There is one post available in **Psychiatry**

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 post is based in Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust with clinical rotations in the North West region. For the academic component, the post holder will be based at the University of Liverpool Department of Primary Care and Mental Health, situated in the Institute of Population Health. This post will enable the candidate to develop the first stages of a clinical academic career in psychiatry.

Academic Training

The candidate will be supported by the University of Liverpool's Integrated Academic Training programme (joining with other ACFs across specialities for post-graduate research training). You will have 25% of protected research time supervised by an academic psychiatrist based at the University of Liverpool.

The Department of Primary Care and Mental Health's (PCMH) goal is to enhance healthcare in people with long-term conditions, especially in those with mental illness. PCMH engages in scholarly activity to develop theories, models and interventions for primary and secondary healthcare to promote mental health and wellbeing. Our research and teaching activities aim to enhance excellence in primary, community, mental health and social care at a local and global level. Details of the Department can be found here:

https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/population-health/about/primary-care-and-mental-health/

Research Areas / Research Environment

Research groups and interests in PCMH are broad and include:

- Chronic conditions and polymorbidity
- Children and families

- Older adults
- Primary care and community mental health
- Data science for mental health applications
- Perinatal Mental Health
- Suicide and self-harm
- Dementia and ageing
- Clinical psychology (including forensic, pain, dementia, physical health)
- Visual impairment in acquired brain injury
- Global mental health

Candidates are particularly encouraged to consider their research interests' alignment with existing programmes, for example:

- Management and intervention in cardiovascular risk for people with mental illness.
- Mood disorders research (https://mric.uk/our-research/innovative-therapies-for-mood-disorders/)
- The use of patient-generated data and health-tecnology in clinical care (https://mric.uk/our-research/mental-health-avatar/)
- Children and Adolescent mental health, with a particular focus on digital interventions (https://mric.uk/our-research/improving-mental-health-for-children-and-young-people-using-digital-technology/)
- The newly-established Liverpool Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Centre (LINC; https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/liverpool-interdisciplinary-neuroscience-centre/)
- The Civic Health Innovation Lab (CHIL; https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/civic-health-innovation-labs/) brings together scientists, engineers, residents and health professionals from different disciplines, organisations and lived experiences to drive civic health technology research and innovation in the Liverpool City Region. CHIL addresses the critical gap in population health and systems approaches to health data science, artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies.

Given these substantial investments and activities across the University and Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, applicants with an interest in digital, data science and applied artificial intelligence in psychiatry/mental health and multi-morbidity are particularly encouraged to apply.

PCMH has a robust supportive research structure. Our research themes provide clear strategic focus and methodological support, mentoring, peer review and groups focused around team research and critical mass. We have a strong culture for inclusiveness within our teaching and research with dedicated department leads for research, education, clinical academics, EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion) and post-graduate research. We have a shared R&D support office between the University and local trusts, facilitating governance as

a 1-stop shop for health and social care projects, costings, permissions and ethical approval.

Professional Development Reviews identify areas for career/personal growth, through targeted investment, training, mentorship, senior support, and multidisciplinary plus external collaborations. Areas of research success/growth are incorporated into strategic planning for investment in posts and performance reviews integrate into the promotions process.

NIHR ACF posts in Liverpool adhere to the stipulated requirements for protected research time (25%). Precise arrangements for each trainee are however bespoke and depend on specialty, level of the post, and type of research activity. For most, research time is in protected academic blocks (usually lasting 3 months), but sometimes it is more appropriate for trainees to have specific weekly research days, so that the required academic/clinical split is achieved over the duration of the post.

Each trainee is encouraged to record their research time and discuss any issues with their academic supervisor. This is formally reviewed at ARCP meetings. Further, trainees have several mechanisms to raise potential concerns, including trainee forum meetings, mentorship support, and feedback to the ICAT Officer.

Research Facilities
Institute of Population Health, Dept. of Primary Care and Mental Health, University of Liverpool https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/population-health/about/primary-care-and-mental-health/

Mental health Research for Innovation Centre (https://mric.uk/)

Liverpool Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Centre (LINC)
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/liverpool-interdisciplinary-neuroscience-centre/

Civic Health Innovation Labs https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/civic-health-innovation-labs/

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://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/Psychiatry

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