ACF Respiratory Medicine with The University of Manchester

There is 1 post available in either of the following specialties;

- Respiratory Medicine

- Infectious Diseases

- Intensive Care Medicine

Overview and Research areas

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

The Division of Immunology, Immunity to Infection and Respiratory Medicine (DIIIRM) at the University of Manchester offers an outstanding springboard for an ambitious junior clinical academic. This is a thriving, internationally recognised environment where discovery science meets patient care, bringing together leading immunologists and respiratory clinicians who are shaping the future of precision respiratory medicine. You will be embedded within a research community that spans fundamental immunology, biomarker discovery and human clinical trials, with major strengths in asthma, COPD, chronic cough, severe allergy and lung infections. Through the Manchester Biomedical Research Centre and the NIHR Centre for Precision Approaches to Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance, you will gain privileged access to state-of-the-art facilities for close-to-patient experimental medicine—such as pathogen sequencing and metabolomic biomarker discovery—and work alongside teams whose research routinely appears in high-impact journals and drives national and international clinical trials. This concentrated exposure will allow you to develop cutting-edge research skills, experience the pace of translational medicine and strengthen your track record in a way that stands out for future fellowships or grants.

Equally compelling is the breadth of clinical and professional opportunities that come with joining one of the UK's most vibrant academic respiratory community. At hospitals across the North West you will work with leading subspecialist services—from the nationally accredited Severe Asthma Centre and pioneering Manchester Cough Service to the renowned Allergy Centre and Interstitial Lung Disease team—all of which integrate research into day-to-day care. You will collaborate in multidisciplinary teams, contribute to high-profile service evaluation

and quality-improvement projects, and engage with regional initiatives such as Health Innovation Manchester and the North West Severe Asthma Network, which are redefining community respiratory care and population health. The unit's close partnership with Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust ensures that your experience will be both academically rigorous and clinically relevant, offering exceptional opportunities to build networks, forge collaborations and accelerate your development as the next generation of clinical academic leader.

Academic Training

ACF Trainees are allocated 25% of their time to research while they complete their core medical training and obtain the MRCP. The research time is usually organised as 2 months in the first year and 4 months in the second year. ACFs will be provided with 4 x 2 weekly taster sessions during the first placement in order to sample different types of research before choosing an area to focus on. There is the opportunity to enroll for the MRes programme of The University of Manchester.

The aim of the ACF programme is to enable trainees to prepare and secure a competitive clinical fellowship. This is achieved by focusing on the core skills required for research and ACFs will have the opportunity to contribute to and complete research projects prior to their fellowship application, which should result both in presentations at national and international meetings and publications in peer reviewed journals. Each ACF will be allocated an academic rheumatology supervisor in keeping with their area of research interest with whom they will agree goals for each year of their training. The supervisor will help them formulate an individualised programme for their research time and to develop a suitable project for a fellowship application. In addition, each ACF will enter the University of Manchester's mentorship programme which provides personal and careers guidance for junior academic doctors by a senior clinical academic not necessarily in the same discipline. The Fellowship Academy within the University provides advice, guidance and help with preparing for fellowship applications at all levels.

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 - https://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications.

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-2025
https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty-schools
https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/organisations/division-of-immunology-immunity-to-infection-and-respiratory-medi

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