

Job Description

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

Obstetrics and Gynaecology ST1/ST3 (1 post)

The University of Sheffield, in partnership with NHS England North East and Yorkshire and the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, has developed an exciting pathway of academic clinical training opportunities.

Applications are now invited for an Academic Clinical Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at ST1 to ST3 level. This new post has been created as part of the NHS England (NHSE)/National Institution for Health Research (NIHR) programme of Integrated Academic Training and offers candidates a comprehensive experience of clinical academic medicine working alongside internationally renowned clinicians, researchers.

We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals with the potential to excel in both their clinical and academic training and who have the ambition to be the next generation of academic clinicians.

This Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) programme in Obstetrics and Gynaecology will be run by the University of Sheffield, the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber.

Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are 3-year fixed-term national training posts. They attract an NTN(A) and trainees undertake 75% clinical and 25% academic training over the term of the post. They are employed by the NHS Trust and have an honorary contract with the University at whose Medical School their academic research is supported.

ACF trainees also undertake a Research Training Programme provided by the University for which funding is provided by NIHR. They also are eligible for a £1,000 bursary per year to support research training activity (e.g. to attend academic conferences).

The Clinical Academic Programme at Sheffield has a competitive ACF pump-priming award. Trainees can apply for up to £2000 for initial costs for work aimed at achieving a research fellowship.

ACF trainees would also normally complete and submit an external funding application for a research fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD or research MD) following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, which would be completed as Out-of-Programme-Research (OOPR).

All Academic Clinical Fellowships are run-through posts, regardless of specialty, with the exception of 'Medical Education' ACFs. A trainee entering ACF at ST1 in a specialty with a Core Training period would therefore be guaranteed continued training to CCT in the eventual specialty, as long as they progress satisfactorily through both their academic and

clinical training. Run-through status is withdrawn if ACFs do not complete the academic component.

Post Details

Job Title

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow – Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Duration of the Post

Up to 3 years (25% academic, 75% clinical).

Research institution in which training will take place

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

School of Medicine and Population Health (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)

The Academic Clinical Fellow will join a team of clinicians and scientists who share research interests in basic and clinical aspects of reproductive medicine and infertility. The fetomaternal medicine research team is headed by Professor Dilly Anumba, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist with interests in Obstetrics, fetal diagnosis and therapy, and the physiology, screening, prevention and management of high-risk pregnancies including premature and term birth, Global Maternal and Fetal Health, and Maternity inequalities. Professor Alireza Fazeli, studies molecular mechanisms of the interaction between gametes and Fallopian tube epithelium. Dr Elspeth Whitby is Senior Lecturer in Radiology and leads a research programme investigating Fetal and Neonatal MRI.

The Jessop Wing includes a research laboratory suite and a custom-built centre for IVF and associated techniques for treatment of infertility. This development has established one of the largest research facilities in Human Reproductive Health in the U.K. and offers a unique opportunity to amalgamate researchers in this area into a coherent team. The departmental research programme in Reproductive Medicine is complemented by a large clinical workload. There are weekly Reproductive Medicine and Infertility clinics and the University Department has one whole day operating list per week.

The Maternal and Fetal Medicine Unit is situated within a purpose-built centre of the Jessop Wing equipped with state-of-the-art suites for fetal ultrasound and fetal surveillance and numerous maternal medicine clinics. It offers a full range of high-risk pregnancy care services which includes a wide referral base in Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy from all over North Trent and Humber, and obstetric medical clinics with a similar catchment run in conjunction with Physicians of international repute. There is an internationally renowned Fetal MRI academic unit with which a close collaboration has been established. This service attracts referral from all parts of the country.

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

The post holder will join the ST1-ST4 trainees in Obstetrics and Gynaecology working within the South Yorkshire rotation. Clinical competencies will be formally assessed by consultants involved in clinical supervision of the trainee in out-patient clinics, during ward work, in operating theatre, labour ward and on the gynaecology emergency on-call rota.

The trainee will undergo the same process of assessment as his/her full-time colleagues. The Fellow will attend the didactic and interactive teaching sessions derived from the basic training curriculum for South Yorkshire trainees.

The clinical training programme lead will be Dr Samantha Low, Training Programme Director for South Yorkshire, whilst the Academic Lead will be Professor Dilly Anumba. The programme will be flexible where possible in terms of: i) Organisation of the clinical and academic components ii) Individualised training and mentorship from multiple experienced academic and clinical supervisors iii) access to external mentoring and support throughout the programme. The academic and clinical components of the programme will be subject to a programme of annual appraisal as part of the Deanery's ARCP exercise.

Occasionally, a trainee may not fulfil the outcome requirements of their academic training post. As long as the trainee has met their clinical training competencies, they would return to a standard clinical training programme. The Clinical Academic Working Group (CAWG) will receive and assess each trainee's compulsory academic progress report at 6-monthly intervals to determine at an early stage whether a trainee requires further support or in exceptional circumstances will exit from the academic training programme.

Objectives of the Training Programme

1. To obtain core competencies at ST1, ST2, ST3 or ST4 levels.
2. To undertake a generic programme in research methodology.
3. To identify an area of academic and clinical interest upon which to base an application for an externally-funded PhD programme.
4. To develop a competitive Fellowship Application that leads to an externally-funded PhD programme.

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Academic Programme Director: Professor Dilly Anumba

Clinical Programme Director: Dr Samantha Low

Research Protected Time:

The research project will be undertaken in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Reproductive Biology, Developmental Biology, or in Health Services Research relevant to Women's Health. There is flexibility within the Academic Unit regarding a specific research programme, and the trainee will work closely with a chosen Academic Supervisor, co-ordinated by the Academic Lead, to develop a bespoke programme of research training likely to lead to a competitive Fellowship application bid with a high chance of success. The trainee will be encouraged to choose a research theme of a clinical, translational or applied nature, and will also have the option to develop a research career based on molecular biological techniques.

Teaching

The postholder will contribute to the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programmes of the School and will also be involved with the assessment of students and have personal mentoring responsibilities for a small group of students on the MBChB programme.

Clinical Duties

The clinical role will be based within the South Yorkshire rotation. The postholder will undertake a full range of clinical work in obstetrics and gynaecology at a level appropriate to their training. Clinical placements will be geared towards ensuring that the postholder achieves the competencies required for their level of training, as detailed in the RCOG training curriculum and training matrix. During this training, the postholder will be expected to make progress with the acquisition of intermediate competencies, completion of the basic ultrasound training modules, and the acquisition of such other skills as will be determined by the programme director. The rotations will include sessional commitments to antenatal and gynaecology clinics and operating lists. There will be an obstetrics and gynaecology 'on call' commitment. The clinical rotations will be tailored to the postholder's training requirements, taking into account the needs of other trainees within the rotation. It is expected that the postholder will work to successfully attain the appropriate MRCOG examination during the duration of the Academic Clinical Fellowship.

Planning and Organising

The postholder will be part of the medical team providing services to patients of the Trust. They will participate in the planning and organisation of treatments, and the wider running of the Unit, under the direction of the Clinical Head.

Accommodation and support for the post

Office space will be made available within the School of Medicine and Population Health

CONTACTS

Academic Leads and Supervisors:

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Academic Training Programme Director

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Further Information

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this post is exempted from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975.

Applicants are, therefore, not entitled to withhold information about convictions, which for other purposes are “spent” under the provisions of the Act, and in the event of employment any failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the University. Any information given will be strictly confidential and will be considered only in relation to an application for positions to which the Order applies.

For further information about the Academic Clinical Fellowship programme, please refer to the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) Integrated Academic Training (IAT) page on <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/academy-programmes/integrated-academic-training.htm#one>
