# Job Description

# NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

# Psychiatry ST1 (1 post)

The University of Leeds, in partnership with Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber and Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LYPFT) have developed an exciting pathway of academic clinical training opportunities.

Applications are now invited for an Academic Clinical Fellowship in Psychiatry at ST1 level. This new post is recognised as part of the Health Education England (HEE))/National Institution for Health Research Trainee Coordinating Centre (NIHRTCC) programme of Integrated Academic Training and offers candidates a comprehensive experience of clinical academic psychiatry working alongside internationally renowned clinicians and 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 Psychiatry will be run by the University of Leeds, Leeds and York Partnership Foundation 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).

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 specialty 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 Run-through status is withdrawn if ACFs do not complete the academic component.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 (ACF) – Psychiatry

## Duration of the Post

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

## Lead NHS Hospital/Trust in which training will take place

Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

## Research institution in which training will take place

**Leeds Institute of Health Sciences (LIHS)**, School of Medicine, University of Leeds. The post-holder will work in the Division of Psychological and Social Medicine in LIHS, with Professors Allan House and Elspeth Guthrie.

## Research Protected Time:

ACFs will have access to day release or block periods of time for protected research training in addition to their protected time for professional training. This will be used in two ways: first, to enable attendance on an accredited postgraduate programme in health research methodology run by the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Leeds throughout years 1 and 2. The remaining research time will be available through day release or as a block period of time during the whole 3 years to undertake supervised research in the Leeds Institute of Health Sciences.

## Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component

The Division of Psychological and Social Medicine in LIHS (head, Professor Allan House) has an established record of addressing key, clinically relevant questions in psychological aspects of long term conditions, medically unexplained symptoms, self-harm and delirium. A programme of multidisciplinary health services research has been developed, facilitated by a supportive network of local and national colleague researchers, NHS clinical staff (including acute hospital, mental health and primary care clinicians), patients and their families.

Research in LIHS uses a mixed-methods approach, incorporating qualitative, quantitative and health economic evaluations. The Institute has strong links with Leeds Clinical Trials Research Unit and the Division of Health Economics. Examples of previous work in Psychological Medicine include randomised trials of depression in physical disease, longitudinal cohort studies of depression in stroke and depression in other chronic physical disease states, qualitative work to understand the nature of depression in physical disease and a variety of applied studies on delirium and dementia in the general hospital. The current programme of research includes National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funded research to evaluate liaison psychiatry services in England and a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funded research programme to develop effective treatment interventions for people who repeatedly self-harm.

The aim of the Psychological Medicine ACF programme is to enable trainees to prepare for and secure a clinical research training fellowship. This will be achieved by focusing on the core skills required for applied health research and by linkage to one of the research programmes within the department. 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 supervisor in keeping with their area of research interest and an academic mentor. The supervisor will help them formulate a programme for their research time and to develop a suitable project for a fellowship application. The ACF could spend time in one or more of the following areas:

(i) Self harm

(ii) Delirium and dementia

(iii) Service research linked to liaison psychiatry

(iv) Mental health problems associated with chronic illness and disability

## Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

This post is offered at ST1 level. The successful ACF will undergo core psychiatry training co-supervised by the Yorkshire School of Psychiatry, whose remit is to ensure the provision of an education of a consistent high quality across the Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber region, manage initial selection and subsequent allocation to appropriate placements. They will also provide induction (in collaboration with the host NHS Trust), delivery of workplace-based assessments in accordance with the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ competence-based curriculum, and contribute to joint annual reviews of competence progression (see below). The clinical training programme will be tailored to suit the needs of the trainee and will rotate through psychiatry posts where the ACFs will complete their core training.

Clinical training will be based at hospitals and community facilities of LYPFT.

LYPFT offers a broad range of training opportunities covering a wide range of psychiatric specialities. The Trust is committed to providing its trainees an excellent training experience. This has been recognised in the 2017 GMC trainee/trainer survey in which the Trust was ranked 4th nationally.

In 2013, LYPFT was nationally recognised for an outstanding contribution to improving junior doctors training as part of the Health Education England, Better Training Better Care Programme.

All trainees will be allocated a named educational supervisor who will guide and support the ACF through their core training years. The educational supervisor will meet regularly with the trainee to ensure that their training needs are met and provide pastoral support. They will liaise with the clinical supervisor and feed into the ARCP process. Together, they work closely with the Training Programme Director for core training and the Director of Medical Education allowing the trainee to glean all training opportunities from their core placements.

There will be joint annual reviews of competence progression (ARCPs), covering both academic and clinical training, conducted in accordance with the Gold Guide for Postgraduate Specialty Training.

# CONTACTS

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## Training Programme Director (clinical):

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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) Trainee Coordinating Centre (NIHRTCC) page on <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-training-and-career-development/training-programmes/integrated-academic-training-programme/integrated-academic-training/academic-clinical-fellowships/>

# Person Specifications

Applicants for this post will be required to meet the relevant clinical eligibility criteria for the appropriate specialty and level listed at:

Core Training for Psychiatry - Applicant Guide for August 2018 entry

AND the Academic eligibility criteria listed at:

<http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications>

# How to Apply

For more information about applying to ACF vacancies in Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber please visit:

<http://www.yorksandhumberdeanery.nhs.uk/recruitment/our_vacancies/academic_recruitment/>

Applications will only be accepted through the Oriel online application system:

<https://www.oriel.nhs.uk>

Applications open: 4 May 2018

Applications close: 1 June 2018

After the application deadline no applications will be accepted. **There will be no exceptions to this deadline.** You are advised to complete and submit your application ahead of the deadline to allow for any unforeseen problems.

Interviews will be held in Leeds; date to be confirmed.