

Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	Academic F2 Post in Academic Research
Placement	A four-month placement in an academic medical research department at the University of Sheffield.
Department	<p>The post is for four months based in the University Clinical Academic Unit of the choice of the academic foundation research doctor. We have a wide range of projects and supervisors from laboratory-based science to translational research, including all hospital-based medical and surgical specialties, primary care, palliative care and public health. Our aim is to support the Academic Foundation trainee to build on the early career success of this competitive award to prepare an application for a NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in their chosen specialty.</p> <p>In 2018, The University of Sheffield were awarded their largest ever cohort of NIHR ACF posts (23) across all specialties. Half of these were competitively awarded and are linked to world-class multidisciplinary research themes in genomics, translational and laboratory based Oncology, Urgent Care/ Anaesthetics, Therapeutics and Neurosciences and the other half to individual specialties to maximize choice and opportunity.</p> <p>Information is provided on potential supervisors and the academic support team work with trainees to advise and develop a suitable project with their potential supervisor. The websites of individual departments are also updated annually so that potential trainees can make contact with academic leads directly if they wish to do so. The Clinical Academic Training office and supervisor will ensure that you have a suitable project, with linked research methods training, identified in good time for the Foundation training programme deadlines.</p> <p>We have a vibrant active Clinical Academic Society, which meets for academic and social meetings and provides near peer support for trainees. Currently the University of Sheffield hosts</p>

	over 250 (including PhD) clinical academic trainees from Academic Foundation training through to Clinical Lectureship and onwards to Clinician Scientist and other post-doctoral fellowships.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>The GMC emphasise that it is a duty of all doctors to be involved in the education and training of doctors at all levels, including undergraduate level.</p> <p>In more recent years emphasis has been placed on the need for doctors to be trained in educational approaches in order to prepare them for their role as an educator in the future.</p> <p>Foundation training is about gaining generic skills which can be applied across all specialties and throughout an entire career. The Academic Foundation Programme in Medical Research provides an opportunity for those with an interest in clinical research to develop their skills in research to apply for next stage clinical academic training and/ or be a research active clinician in the future.</p>
Where the placement is based	The two year Foundation Programme is based at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Educational and Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement	This will be confirmed by the Trust prior to the commencement of the post.
Main duties of the placement	<p>The key duties of the post include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To complete the research training modules and assignments according to the individualized training needs assessment undertaken early in FY1 • To complete an academic research project under supervision and prepare outputs, including conference presentation, report and paper for publication under academic supervision. • To prepare an application for a NIHR ACF post if that is the chosen next career step
Typical working pattern in this placement	<p>The post is for four months based in the Academic Unit where the research supervisor is based</p> <p>There are 5 further four month posts linked to the above academic post which aim to provide a broad range of clinical experience appropriate to foundation training. Learning on the job is supported by a wide variety of educational activities, including protected time for teaching, training days and clinical meetings.</p>
Employer	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.