Job Description

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

Cardiology ST1 entry (1 post)

Applications are invited for an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Cardiology at ST1 level. 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 Cardiology will be run by Hull York Medical School (HYMS) in conjunction with the Yorkshire and Humber Deanery.

Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are three 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. ACFs are employed by the NHS Trust and have an honorary contract with the University of York.

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 will be supported to 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). A trainee entering ACF at ST1 is guaranteed continued training to higher specialty training, 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 Run-through status is withdrawn if ACFs do not complete the academic component.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) in Cardiology

Duration of the Post

Three years (25% academic, 75% clinical).

Lead NHS Hospital/Trust in which training will take place

East Yorkshire Rotation – see details below.

Research institution in which training will take place

Cardiology ACFs will be based in the Centre for Health and Population Science, University of York.

Research Protected time:

ACFs may complete an MSc by research or relevant modules within their training at Hull York Medical School. The protected research period (25% time) is used to obtain specific experience and knowledge in the research area of interest, obtain pilot data, with the expectation of applying for an external research fellowship.

ACF: Research component

A timetable for research time will be drawn up to meet specific clinical and research goals set by the candidate and the academic/clinical supervisors. The research component of the post is negotiable: for some projects a dedicated block of research might be more appropriate, and for others, shorter, more frequent periods of research might be more appropriate.

The successful applicant will develop a research project under the supervision of Dr Chris Wilkinson, Reader in Cardiology and Population Health. They will join a growing team including Dr Jonny Batty, NIHR academic clinical lecturer in cardiology.

On appointment, in conjunction with their supervisor, the ACF will complete a Training Needs Analysis and be able to access modules from the HYMS Post Graduate Training Selection list both to help with their research project and with their professional development as a researcher. ACF trainees will be supported in applying for an externally funded clinical research training fellowship to pursue a PhD or MD, prior to potentially re-joining the academic career path as a Clinical Lecturer.

ACF: Clinical component

A successful candidate entering at ST1 level will undertake internal medicine training in the North Yorkshire and East Coast rotation. Trainees rotate every four months through a variety

of specialties, one of which will be cardiology. The candidate will learn to provide safe and effective care, developing and applying specialist knowledge to the patients under your care.

The East Yorkshire rotation consists of training posts at:

- Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust (Castle Hill Hospital)
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Scunthorpe General Hospital)
- York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (Scarborough General Hospital and York Hospital)

From ST4 (after the ACF period has concluded), the successful candidate will join the East Yorkshire Cardiology Training Programme. This training scheme is designed to provide a comprehensive, five-year higher training programme to equip individuals to become a Consultant in Cardiology.

Hull is the local tertiary referral centre for cardiology and treats patients from across East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire. The choice of sub-speciality training will depend upon the interests as well as the aptitude of the trainee. Sub-speciality advanced training is currently offered in:

- Bradycardia and complex device implantation
- Percutaneous coronary intervention
- Electrophysiology
- Heart failure
- Imaging (including echocardiography, CT, cardiac MRI, and nuclear imaging)

On-call commitments will vary depending upon the shift systems and training/service requirements Trainees participate in a cardiology on call rota looking after cardiology in-patients based at Castle Hill Hospital, providing cardiology advice to patients at both Castle Hill Hospital and Hull Royal Infirmary, and working in the cardiac catheter lab to assist with patients admitted with acute ST-elevation myocardial infarction.

CONTACTS

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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) Academic Clinical Fellowship | NIHR

Person Specification

Person Specifications 2026 | Medical Hub

How to Apply

For more information about applying to ACF vacancies in NHS England North East and Yorkshire 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:	Thursday 1st October 2026 at 10.00 am
Applications close:	Thursday 29th October 2026 at 10.00 am

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 at via MS Teams during between 30th November and 9th December 2026.

Appendix 1: Further particulars – Hull York Medical School

Hull York Medical School is committed to transforming the health of people within the region and beyond – through its students, staff and the impact of its teaching and research.

The joint medical school of the Universities of Hull and York, Hull York Medical School has a reputation as one of the UKs most exciting, contemporary schools. The School was established in 2003 – combining York's strength in biological sciences and health sciences and Hull's expertise in clinically applied health research and large clinical base. Since then, has been inspiring doctors and academic leaders of the future with the research, skills and knowledge they need to look at things differently and advance improvements in healthcare around the world.

Equality, diversity and inclusion are extremely important to the School, and in line with its values of everyone counts, pursuing excellence, socially responsible and collaborative, it is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment for staff and students. The School was awarded the Athena Swann Gold Award in 2025, has signed up to the UK Medical School's Charter on So-Called 'Conversion Therapy' and the British Medical Association (BMA) racial harassment charter.

Inspiring doctors and academic leaders of the future

Hull York Medical School offers exceptional medical education delivered by senior academics and clinicians in a stimulating and supportive environment with world-class facilities.

Postgraduate research students benefit from a thriving research community and the opportunity to learn from world leading experts who are internationally recognised for their work.

Hull York Medical School facilities at Hull and York offer a stimulating environment in which to learn. The Allam Medical Building at the heart of the University of Hull's £28million Health Campus is home to Hull York Medical School in Hull. Opened in 2017 by Her Majesty the Queen, the Allam Medical Building provides specialised teaching facilities including a simulated ward, operating theatre and intensive care nursing facilities, and provides opportunities for medical students to work alongside, nursing, midwifery and allied health undergraduates, as well as PhD students, advanced nurse practitioners and physician's associates.

A partnership for people who want to make a difference

Academic and clinical researchers at Hull York Medical School have a strong reputation for their work. Their research is advancing improvements in healthcare – treatment, diagnosis and care – for some of the major global health challenges of today. At Hull, the School's researchers are at the forefront of health research, from the early diagnosis of cancer, to reducing inequalities in access to treatment and improving the lives of those with life-limiting illnesses. This work is improving the health of people locally and impacting national and international health agendas. At York, the School's researchers have a global reputation for their work. From scientific discoveries that underpin the development, diagnosis and treatment of the world's most aggressive diseases, to mental health research which addresses the needs of a wider variety of patients and helps to identify, treat and support them, this work is casting new light and impacting public health globally.