Job Description

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

Paediatrics ST1

(1 single-speciality post)

Hull York Medical School, in partnership with NHS England North East and Yorkshire and the Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, has developed an exciting opportunity for clinical academic training in Paediatrics.

Applications are now invited for an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in **Paediatrics** at **ST1** level. This post is in the NIHR Priority theme Prevention and Public Health, is funded and approved by the National Institute for Health Research and offers candidates a comprehensive experience of clinical academic medicine working alongside internationally renowned clinicians and researchers.

We are seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic individual with the potential to excel in both their clinical and academic training and who has the ambition to be the next generation of academic clinicians. This Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) in Paediatrics is run by Hull York Medical School (HYMS) in conjunction with the Yorkshire School of Paediatrics.

Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are 3 year fixed-term national training posts. 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. They are eligible for a £1,000 bursary per year to support research training activity (e.g. to attend academic conferences and other training).

ACF trainees are expected to complete and submit an external funding application for a Research Fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD or research MD) during/following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, which higher degree would then 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 in a specialty during 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 Run-through status is withdrawn if ACFs do not complete the academic component.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

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NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) – Paediatrics

Duration of the Post

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

A mutually agreeable timetable will be drawn up by the candidate and the academic/clinical supervisors, designed to meet overall training goals. This will include protected research time. The exact division of time will be guided by the proposed research project and whether blocks of time or weekly research time are more appropriate. The appointee will have on-call commitments which will vary depending upon the varying shift systems and training/service requirements.

Lead NHS Hospital/Trust in which training will take place

Hospitals in the Yorkshire School of Paediatrics (see below).

Research institution in which training will take place

The successful candidate will be based at University of York working with Prof Bob Phillips, Prof Maria Bryant and Dr Domenic Smith: https://www.york.ac.uk/crd/staff/bob-phillips/ and Maria Bryant - Department of Health Sciences, University of York

Research Protected Time:

ACFs are expected to complete either an MSc by research or relevant modules (if they already have an MSc), at the University of Hull or the University of York. The protected research period (25% time) is used to obtain specific experience and knowledge in the research area of interest, obtain pilot data, and apply for an external Research Fellowship.

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component

The training programme provides a unique opportunity to work within the Born and Bred in (BaBi) project; a network of local research groups that ask pregnant women during their routine maternity appointments for permission to link together information that is routinely collected about them and their baby for research. BaBi also asks for permission to contact them about other relevant research opportunities. The ACF will have an opportunity to work with BaBi Leeds and Scarborough; exploring priority areas and contributing to positive change to services and the health and wellbeing of children and their families. They will partner with Bob Philips (Professor in Paediatric Oncology, HYMS) and Maria Bryant (Professor of Public Health Nutrition, HYMS, and the BaBi Academic Director) and Dominic Smith (Paediatrician, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust).

Activities will include:

Building upon existing priority work to explore key health and well-being outcomes in partnership with representatives across maternity, midwifery and paediatric representatives, in addition to women and families (workshops and/or qualitative data collection).

Conduct an evidence synthesis of the chosen priority area(s), including identifying evidence of similar services or policies

Conduct analysis of relevant routine data on a chosen priority area; highlighting specific populations in greatest need and exploring opportunities to improve services or policies; and co-design future service improvements and or policy recommendations.

For more information on BaBi - see the website (www.babinetwork.co.uk) and protocol paper.

We anticipate the successful exit point for ACF trainees will be the award of an externally funded clinical research training fellowship to pursue a PhD or MD; prior to re-joining the academic career path as a Clinical Lecturer.

Please contact Prof Phillips or Prof Bryant to discuss this post informally (bob.phillips@york.ac.uk or maria.bryant@york.ac.uk)

Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

ST1 entrants will undertake their Level 1 paediatric training based in the "East" area of the Yorkshire School of Paediatrics, leading to the Level 2 training programme. This is an excellent training area, with a fantastic mix of world leading hospitals, a forward-thinking training programme, with years of experience of incorporating simulation, and a well-developed trainee engagement programme. Training will develop core paediatric skills in a range of departments leading to a deep practical understanding of oncology or palliative care. The rotation could include attachments in Hull (teaching hospital), York, Scarborough, Grimsby or Harrogate. Specific placements may be made in other Yorkshire hospitals.

Further details of the training programme are available at

https://www.yorksandhumberdeanery.nhs.uk/paediatrics/trainee

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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 Specifications

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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: Thursday 1st October at 10am

Applications close: Thursday 29th October at 4pm

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 via MS Teams on a date to be confirmed between 30th November and 9th December 2026.

Appendix 1: Further particulars – Hull York Medical School

The Hull York Medical School (HYMS) is a collaboration between the Universities of Hull and York and the NHS. HYMS operates from both University campuses and within teaching hospitals and medical practices throughout the Yorkshire and Humber region. HYMS is a relatively young medical school which is developing a growing reputation for its teaching and research.

HYMS has a strong reputation as an undergraduate medical school. Our innovative curriculum includes an enquiry-based approach to learning, early clinical experience, balanced teaching across all health sectors and a wide range of student selected learning opportunities. Our graduates are recognised as being very capable Foundation Doctors, many of whom have stayed locally to help develop health care services in this area.

The quality and impact on health and patient care of research carried out in the Hull York Medical School (HYMS) was recognised by the University of York's ranking as 7th in the country for Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care in the national Research Excellence Framework 2014. HYMS researchers were also part of York's top-10 rated submissions in Biology and Psychology. Across the whole of HYMS, a partnership between the Universities of Hull and York, over 85% of research was assessed as world leading or internationally excellent.

Within the Universities, research development in HYMS has been based on a distributed model, in which academic staff may have a research base in a cognate academic department of the University of Hull and/or York, providing scientific integration, critical mass and technology platforms with which to work. In relation to clinically orientated research there is a Clinical Research Facility (the Daisy Building) in Hull at Castle Hill Hospital and an Experimental Medicine Unit at York Hospital, to facilitate translational research. HYMS also plays a role in establishing and facilitating research networking between NHS partners in the region through topic based regional meetings.

The area covered by the HYMS NHS partnership comprises Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire, York and North Yorkshire, and Northern Lincolnshire, which together have a population of around 1.8 million. 17 NHS organisations make up the HYMS NHS partnership, within which there are over 600 consultants and 900 general practitioners. Encompassing both rural and urban populations, the region contains a variety of environments in which health services are delivered. There are areas of considerable deprivation, not only in urban centres, but also in patches across the rural hinterlands. Heart disease and lung cancer are severe problems in Hull. Measures of overall health in North Lincolnshire are poorer than the country as a whole. However, in most of the region, rates for infant mortality and most disease-specific death are well below national averages, the prevalence of smoking and drug use are low, and the uptake of screening is high in many areas.

East Yorkshire with its homogenous and stable population of 600,000 is an ideal centre for prospective observational and interventional clinical research: the central urban area of Kingston upon Hull has a population of 350,000. The NHS clinical facilities are well developed and virtually comprehensive across the medical and surgical disciplines; only certain transplantation and cardiac neonatal surgical procedures require distant referral. Hence there exists a wealth of clinical material available for approved educational and research purpose.