



**NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in General Dental Practice (Partly funded)**

The University of Liverpool, in partnership with Health Education England North West and NIHR has developed an exciting pathway of academic clinical training opportunities.

Applications are now invited for partly funded Academic Clinical Fellowship in General Dental Practice. This opportunity is suitable for a general dental practitioner who is keen to develop their academic training while continuing to work in primary care.

This job description should be read in conjunction with NIHR's Dental Integrated Academic Training Academic Clinical Fellowship Recruitment Information Pack 2021 (available at: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-in-dentistry-2022/28684>)

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

This Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) programme will be run by the University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry.

Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are 3-year fixed-term national training posts assuming satisfactory progress throughout the training. The ACF undertake 75 % clinical and 25% academic training over the term of the post. For this position; funding is only provided pro-rata for the academic component of the post only (25%). The salary costs associated with the provision of clinical dentistry (75%) are to be drawn from the host practice.

ACF trainees will also undertake a Research Training Programme provided by the University of Liverpool for which funding is provided by NIHR.

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) following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post.



**POST DETAILS**

<b>TITLE OF POST</b>	Academic Clinical Fellow in General Dental Practice
<b>GRADE</b>	Academic Clinical Fellow
<b>FULL/PART TIME</b>	25% partly funded
<b>Employer</b>	The host employer will be St. Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
<b>Base</b>	<b>Academic base: School of Dentistry / University of Liverpool</b>

**BRIEF OUTLINE:**

Duration of the Post

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

Research institution in which training will take place

**School of Dentistry** (at the University of Liverpool),  
Research opportunities in includes lab-based, translation and clinical research.  
These should be discussed with the senior academic staff in the department and will be explored further at interview.

**Research Protected Time:**

The 25% of the time funded by NHIR will be equivalent to 1.5 academic day per week based at the University of Liverpool

**Successful candidates:**

The exit from this post will typically be to an externally funded research fellowship, leading to award of a PhD and subsequently application either for a Clinical Lecturer post or an advanced fellowship.

**Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component**

ACF trainees will undertake a Research Training Programme provided by the University of Liverpool for which funding is provided by NIHR. During this time, it is expected that the ACF trainees would complete and submit an external funding application for a research fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD) following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, Out-of-Programme-Research (OOPR).



The successful candidate will be expected to develop a career trajectory as an academic dental practitioner in primary care. The candidate will be expected to undertake research training appropriate to their chosen research within the University. Training will be flexible so that it can be tailored towards the needs of the developing research programme.

## **The School of Dentistry**

### MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

The School of Dentistry sits within the Institute of Life Course & Medical Sciences in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. The Dean of the School of Dentistry is Professor Vince Bissell who works closely with three Vice Deans in the areas of Learning and Scholarship, Student Experience, and Research and Postgraduate Studies. There are four Academic Units: Clinical Sciences, Oral Health, Oral Diseases, and Restorative Dentistry, responsible for the development and delivery of curriculum content at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Coordination of curriculum delivery is achieved by programme directors (BDS, BSc and DDSc), Year Lead Teams for the BDS/BSc programmes and Pathway Leads for the DDSc. The postgraduate options offered by the School are currently under review.

The Dental School has over 30 full-time academic staff supported by 40 part-time staff with many honorary appointments held by hospital staff.

The School has its own Board of Studies and Curriculum Board which report to the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences for curricular matters. Strong links exist between the School of Dentistry and Dental Hospital. The Clinical Director of the Dental Hospital is Mrs Avril Macpherson.

The School had launched a new undergraduate curriculum consisting of a common training pathway for both BSc therapy and BDS dental students. This will consist of 3 years collaborative training followed by 2 further years of training for the BDS students.

### RESEARCH IN THE DENTAL SCHOOL

This is overseen by the Vice-Dean for Research and Postgraduate Studies, Professor Sondas Albadri and the School and Hospital Research Committee. The Dental School has very strong links within the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences under the leadership of the Executive Pro Vice Chancellor of the Faculty, Professor Louise Kenny. There are currently 3 main research themes in the School of Dentistry: Clinical Dental Sciences, Basic Dental Sciences and Educational research. Areas of expertise within these themes encompass Head and Neck Cancer, Plaque-related Diseases, Child Oral Health, Endodontology and Dental Public Health. This provides a world-class team who feature strongly in oral research and associated fields of activity. The School has strong links with the Liverpool Head and Neck Centre and the Institute of Public Health.



## CONTACTS

### Academic Lead:

Professor Sondos Albadri will provide initial oversight of the post. Once a research theme and area is identified, a senior researcher with expertise in the chosen research area will provide day to day oversight.

Email: [sondos.albadri@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:sondos.albadri@liverpool.ac.uk)

## Person Specifications

ACF candidates must demonstrate appoint ability under both the clinical DCT and the National Institute of Health Research Academic Clinical Fellowship Person Specification.

Please See:

Dental ACF Person Specification

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-in-dentistry-2022/28684>

## How to Apply

There is one part to the application, Applications will only be accepted through the Oriel online application system. A link to Oriel can be found here:- <https://www.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/>

Applications open: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Applications close: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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.

The date for local academic interviews will be announced as soon as possible and will be held in either December 2021 or early January 2022.

Successful candidate will be given a conditional offer subject to bench marking at Dental Core Training National Recruitment



**PERSON SPECIFICATION  
FOR DENTAL CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR A NIHR ACADEMIC  
CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP in General Dental Practice**

	<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	<b>DESIRABLE</b>	<b>WHEN EVALUATED</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of achievement of general professional competencies</li> <li>Completion of Foundation Training (or equivalent) by time of appointment, as appropriate</li> <li>BDS or equivalent</li> <li>Fully registered with the GDC</li> <li>On or eligible to be on the NHS Performers list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of commitment to specialty</li> <li>Intercalated honours for BSc and/or additional qualifications e.g. MSc etc.</li> <li>Distinction or honours during BDS programme</li> <li>Completion of academic programme or equivalent</li> </ul>	Application Form
<b>KNOWLEDGE &amp; ACHIEVEMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of acquisition of the level of knowledge and skills necessary for the completion of general professional training with an emphasis on academic competencies</li> <li>Demonstration of understanding of, and commitment to, an academic career</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of good general knowledge/ broad interest in science and academic dentistry</li> <li>Prizes or distinctions</li> <li>Presentation of work at a national or international meeting</li> <li>Publications in peer reviewed journals</li> <li>Intercalated degree or MSc in relevant subject area</li> <li>Research experience</li> <li>Demonstration of knowledge of the clinical academic career pathway</li> </ul>	Application Form and Selection Centre
<b>EDUCATIONAL &amp; PERSONAL ASPECTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of understanding and commitment to academic career</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of educational reasons for applying for this Academic Clinical Fellowship Programme</li> <li>Demonstration of personal reasons for</li> </ul>	Application Form and Selection Centre



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		applying for this Academic Clinical Fellowship Programme	
<b>COMMUNICATION SKILLS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for standard person specification criteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of team working skills</li> <li>Evidence of leadership potential</li> <li>Evidence through scientific publications and presentations</li> </ul>	Application Form and Selection Centre