

ACF Histopathology, Clinical Oncology or Medical Oncology Programme Details in conjunction with the University of Manchester

Recruitment to posts starting in August 2022

Post availability

There is one post available in either Histopathology OR Medical Oncology OR Clinical Oncology

- Histopathology – You can apply at ST1 level in this round of recruitment.
- Clinical Oncology – You can apply at ST3 level in this round of recruitment.
- Medical Oncology – You can apply at ST1 level in this round of recruitment.

Please note if you are appointed at ST1 or ST2 level, you will be placed in an appropriate Core Medical Training track until you reach ST3 level (not applicable to histopathology).

Overview

You can find generic information about Academic Clinical Fellowships in the North West plus links to the National Institute for Health Research's guidance via <https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance>

[Add any extra details]

This Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) post in Manchester is the first endeavour of its kind. It has been established to provide support for junior trainees in histopathology who have outstanding potential for development as a researcher and/or educationalist. The post is open to trainees at ST1 - ST3 stages of histopathology training and is tenable for 3 years. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate satisfactory competence progression to the proposed level of entry. It is available from August 2022 and tenable for 3 years. At that point, it is envisaged that the ACF will either take 2-3 years as time out of programme to complete work for the higher degree, and then be appointed to a lecturer's post, or rejoin the StR Specialty training (ST) programme for the remaining time to CCT.

This post is within the histopathology training scheme of Health Education North West (North West) and forms part of the training programme which has been approved by the Royal College of Pathologists and the GMC. The successful candidates will be awarded an NHS contract (Specialty Registrar) and a National Training Number, NTN(A).

We are seeking highly motivated self-directed individuals with a strong interest in pursuing a long-term academic career in academic cellular and molecular

pathology and offer the possibility of developing independent projects in a successful, expanding scientific environment.

Academic Training

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The research part of this post will be carried out in close association under the auspices of the University of Manchester and in close association with the Department of Histopathology, Christie Hospital, , though other teaching departments in the Manchester / Greater Manchester area will be considered in alignment with the research interests of the ACF. Opportunities to work closely/ within the Cancer Research UK- Manchester Institute (CRUK-MI) and Manchester Cancer Research centre environment with exposure to cutting edge research scientists and new platforms applicable to histopathology research will be explored and supported.

Biomedical research at the University of Manchester is carried out in the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health (BMH). Research in MHS is carried out across eight research domains (Cancer / Cardiovascular, endocrine and metabolic sciences / Cellular and developmental systems / Evolution, systems and genetics / Infection, immunity, inflammation and repair / Neuroscience and mental health / Platform sciences and technologies / Population health and ecosystems). Whilst there is no domain dedicated to pathology, pathological research is undertaken across all domains by disease area. Dr Chaturvedi, honorary clinical lecturer and consultant histopathologist, will be responsible for the research training of the ACF in conjunction with the formal research training structures of BMH. The processing of grant applications, setting up research grants and checking research staff appointment forms is managed via the Research office, whilst post-graduate research training is managed by the Faculty Graduate School.

In Histopathology the early training years are dominated by learning and training and not service delivery. Therefore, it has been agreed that the 3 months research time will not require any backfill to ensure service delivery. This would ensure that research time is protected. Research time will account for 25% of the training time and can be provided flexibly but for the majority of ACFs will be most effectively delivered as blocks of 3 months off clinical rota in each academic year. This will enable significant work to be undertaken without distraction. The 3 month blocks would be flexible in timing between years but it is envisaged that they would be spaced to enable sufficient lengths of clinical training between research blocks. It is also envisaged that the ACF would remain involved in the research team they are working with during the 9 month clinical blocks. This would enable the research undertaken at the start of the academic year to continue with technical support and facilitate preparation of abstracts and publications during non-protected research time, maximising outputs and training.

Research Areas / Research Environment

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The research domains of the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health are detailed above and significant, state of the art facilities exist on the University of Manchester campus, including advanced imaging, microscopy, gene sequencing, PCR, cell culture and animal modelling facilities. Similarly linked relevant multi-disciplinary Cancer Research UK- Manchester Institute (CRUK-MI) expertise areas such as in tumour microenvironment studies and digital pathology/ AI are also expected to be available for consideration.

Research Facilities

<https://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/research/facilities>

<https://www.cruk.manchester.ac.uk/Services-and-Technology/Services-and-Technology-Home>

Clinical Training

The ACF trainee will have 25% protected research time and 75% clinical training time. It will be advisable to have available in blocks of 3 months in research and 9 months in clinical training per year respectively. For the clinical training, arrangements are agreed whereby the trainee will rotate to departments within easy reach of the Manchester/ Greater Manchester area in order to gain wider clinical training experience and NHS service demand. The training departments will provide exposure to the spectrum of surgical and non-gynaecological cytology training as required per the RCPPath curriculum. There will be exposure to autopsies and gynaecological cytology where required (subject to curriculum modules chosen). WPBAs and MSFs will be performed. Opportunities to present at multi-disciplinary team meetings will be provided and the trainee will attend local management meetings. Audits will be undertaken and ample teaching opportunities will be available. There will be provision for course attendance. The departments involved in the clinical training are happy to be flexible regarding the integration of the clinical and academic components but it is recognised that developing the trainees' clinical skills as well as academic abilities is vital.

Appraisal of progress will be an integral part of the StR training programme, as per the Gold Guide and the individual will undergo an academic review as part of their annual ARCP. The ARCP will review reports from both academic and educational supervisors as appropriate. Failure to make adequate academic progress as judged at the ARCP would result in a return to clinical training. Study leave will normally be granted for attendance at suitable postgraduate courses and conferences.

You can find out more about the clinical training programmes in the North West via the following link - <https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty-schools>

Clinical person specifications can be found via the following link - <https://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/Recruitment/Person-specifications>.

Useful Links

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

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<https://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/>

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