

ACF General Practice Programme Details in conjunction with the University of Manchester

Recruitment to posts starting in August 2022

Post availability

There are two locally funded ACF General Practice posts.

You can apply at ST1 or ST2 level in this round of recruitment.

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>

Academic Training

General practice is an exciting and versatile career choice offering you the opportunity to develop a wide range of special interests and skills. Becoming an Academic GP is one such option, and the NIHR integrated training programme will help you develop your career. Academic GPs combine their work in General Practice with research or teaching. This might be very clinically focused, or it might be focused upon the organisation and development of the NHS, or on topics such as Dr-patient communication and GP Education. Academic GPs have the opportunity not only to deliver high quality care themselves, but also to contribute to the evidence base that underpins the specialty as a whole.

Research Areas / Research Environment

Our GP ACF posts start at ST1, so you need to apply at the same time as you apply for non-academic GP training. If accepted you will do an additional year of training, with the extra time spent on research activity or in educational theory and research. The extra year is spread across the training programme, so that you have dedicated time for your academic work from ST2 onwards. The University of Manchester works closely with Health Education England North West on this programme, and ACFs are affiliated to the Centre for Primary Care, in the Institute for Population Health. What you do in your research time depends upon your interests and your level of training. If you are accepted to a themed ACF post that will influence what you choose.

ACFs use the time to obtain a Masters in Research Methods (MRes) degree; those who intercalated and already have a Masters can use the time to develop their research skills and to put together a PhD proposal. At the end of your training scheme you are encouraged to be thinking about an application for a PhD fellowship, which will be the next stage on your academic journey.

Research Facilities

The Centre for Primary Care is acknowledged internationally to be one of the UK's leading research centres for policy research in primary care.

The Centre for Primary Care is a founder member of the prestigious NIHR School for Primary Care Research, a collaboration of 8 leading primary care departments in England.

The Centre makes a major contribution to the:

- NIHR Greater Manchester Primary Care Patient Safety Translational Research Centre
- Department of Health Policy Research Unit for NHS Commissioning (PruComm)
- NIHR CLAHRC for Greater Manchester

The work of the Centre is supported by a truly multidisciplinary staff including general practitioners, psychiatrists, sociologists, psychologists, statisticians and health services researchers.

The Centre also aims to support and promote the involvement of patients and the public in health research, through our Patient and Public Involvement Group PRIMER.

ACF choosing to take an educational work will be linked with Manchester University Medical School.

Clinical Training

The first year of the programme includes two six month hospital posts based at Manchester University Foundation Trust. This may include posts at Wythenshawe or the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

At ST2 you will spend two days a week in a General Practice, and two days a week gaining relevant specialty experience – we have developed a range of attachments to choose from, including oncology experience at the Christie Hospital, sexual health, emergency medicine. The remainder of the time is focussed on educational and academic work.

At ST3 and ST4 you will be able to plan the most appropriate arrangement to complete your clinical training and continue your academic development.

We aim to use dedicated practices with an interest in academic development to support your clinical GP training.

At the end of the ACF you should have completed 3 years of clinical training, one year of academic training and have obtained your CCT.

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.orient.nhs.uk/Web/Vacancies>

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