

ACF Health Needs of Older People 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 Cardiology OR Ophthalmology.

- Ophthalmology – You can apply at ST1 level in this round of recruitment.
- Cardiology – You can apply at ST1 level in this round of recruitment. (Details of Cardiology programme can be found in a separate sheet)

Please note if you are appointed at ST1 level, you will be placed in an appropriate Internal Medical Training track until you reach ST3/ST4 level.

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/nih-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance>

This ACF scheme in Ophthalmology has been running for over 10 years and has during that time been very successful at training ACFs, with a high proportion going on to undertake PhDs and develop a clinical academic career. ACFs are primarily based at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital for their clinical work. This is the second largest eye hospital in the UK and it provides high quality training in all subspecialist areas (except ocular oncology).

Academic Training

This programme offers excellent research opportunities for ACFs. There are opportunities to undertake clinical or laboratory based research. Particular areas of strength include ophthalmic genetics, retinal disease, paediatrics and imaging. Where possible we develop specific research projects to cater for the interests of the ACFs. This can involve establishing new collaborations with academics at the University of Manchester. To date ACFs have undertaken research into the molecular basis age-related macular degeneration, development of a novel optogenetic approach to partially reverse blindness, application of metabolomics to study the eye, genetics of anterior segment disease and retinal dystrophies.

Research Areas / Research Environment

The research environment is excellent because of the close geographic proximity between Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and research laboratories at the University of Manchester. An overview of ophthalmology/vision research at the University of Manchester can be found at:

<https://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience-mental-health/vision/>

Research Facilities

There are clinical research facilities at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and basic science research laboratories at the University of Manchester. The University of Manchester has extensive core research facilities that support –omics research and bioinformatics.

Clinical Training

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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