

ACF Mental Health Programme Details in conjunction with the University of Manchester

Recruitment to posts starting in August 2022

Post availability

There is one post available in General Psychiatry with a Theme of Mental Health

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

Please note if you are appointed at ST1 level, you will be placed in an appropriate Core Psychiatry Training track until you reach 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>

Academic Training

The IAT programme for Psychiatry and Mental health is co-chaired by an academic programme lead (Professor Nav Kapur) and the training programme director (Dr Seri Abraham). Dr Raghu Paranthaman (recently appointed as Head of the North West School of Psychiatry) will also play an active role in recruitment and monitoring progress. For specialty posts the relevant specialty TPDs have joined the supervisory team. Appropriate academic and clinical supervisors are available. The size of the NW training scheme and the Division of Psychology and Mental Health within the University (one of the strongest concentrations of mental health researchers in Europe) means that we are well placed to host ACF posts. The APL and TPDs have a close working relationship which has enabled research time to be protected, challenges (such as timetabling and professional exams) to be resolved, and a programme of research training to be built around individual trainees. Trainees generally spend the initial part of the ACF programme scoping research areas and identifying academic supervisors.

Research Areas / Research Environment

The range of research opportunities available to in mental health is wide. The Division of Psychology and Mental Health brings together psychiatry with other relevant disciplines. Specific opportunities include depression and biological mechanisms (Profs Deakin, Elliott and Anderson), schizophrenia research, early intervention (Profs Lewis, and Prof. Drake), psychological treatments (Profs

Haddock and Morrison), health psychology (Prof Armitage), suicide and self-harm research (Profs Kapur and Appleby), international mental health (Prof Husain), women's mental health (Prof Abel), forensic psychiatry (Prof Shaw), old age psychiatry (Profs Burns), child and adolescent psychiatry (Prof Green). The Division of Population Health, Health Services Research and Primary Care and Division of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work have strong mental health research programmes (Profs Bower, Campbell, Lovell). Within the School of Biological Sciences there are opportunities to work with world leading groups in experimental psychology and neuroscience

Research Facilities

The Division of Psychology and Mental Health, FBMH, provides opportunities for interdisciplinary working, particularly between psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience; and, with Mental Health being a MAHSC domain there is a facilitated pathway for implementing evidence-based interventions to improve the health of the local population. Mental health research in the UK has been historically underfunded but Manchester is one of the main centres for this work nationally. Manchester is in the top tier of sites for NIHR funded mental health research and recruitment. There have been major grant successes with intervention work, NIHR programme grants, and dementia research. The Manchester Academic Health Science Centre has a significant mental health component and is intended to improve the health of the local population by facilitating implementation of evidence-based interventions. There is significant additional mental health research expertise in Primary Care, Health Services Research, Nursing and Pharmacy.

Clinical Training

The North West is now the largest School of Psychiatry in the UK and offers a range of exciting clinical training opportunities. As an academic clinical fellow, the close liaison with your TPD and APL will allow you attain the required clinical competencies alongside the academic commitments. ACFs have clinical placements within the Greater Manchester area to enable trainees to maintain close contact with the university.

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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