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Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Genitourinary Medicine IMT1-IMT3

1. Job Title.
Academic Clinical Fellowship in Genito-Urinary Medicine
Training programme for Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust and Brighton and Sussex Medical School

2. Duration of post.
Three years (ST1-ST3)

3. Research institutions in which training will take place
Brighton and Hove Sexual Health Sexual Health and Contraception Service (SHAC), The Lawson Unit (HIV), the Clinical Research Facility Unit and Department of Global Health and Infection at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (based at University of Sussex, Falmer Campus, Brighton) form the basis for this post.

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time
The ACF programme is intended for individuals who wish to pursue academic Genitourinary Medicine as a future career. The fellowship is sponsored by the National Institute for Health Research. The fellowship will comprise 75% clinical training and 25% dedicated academic time over 3 years. The research happens during three protected academic blocks with the opportunity of undertaking a BSMS PGert in Research Methods or equivalent Masters level qualifcation (funded up to £4500).

5. Description of research component of programme

The research component of the programme will be accommodated during four month blocks each year. The post will be based at the Department of Global Health and Infection at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), headed by Professor Jaime Vera. The HIV and Sexual Health research group hosts 1 Professor, 1 Associated Professor, 2 NIHR clinical lecturers, 1 NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow, 5 PhD students as well as pre and post-doctoral researchers from both clinical and non-clinical backgrounds.

The Global Health and Infection Department works closely with our parent universities (the Universities of Brighton and Sussex) to develop novel research opportunities aimed at improving global health and health equity. We collaborate with the Centre for Global Health Policy at the University of Sussex and the prestigious Institute of Development Studies (IDS) on the university campus. Sussex, in partnership with IDS, was recently ranked the top university in Europe for Development Studies by the QS University World Rankings, second only to Harvard globally. Collaboration opportunities with colleagues at these institutions are facilitated through a Global Health Network that meets regularly, organizes seminar series, and hosts an annual conference.

The HIV, Sexual Health, and Women's Health research group collaborates with the clinical research facility at the Royal Sussex County Hospital. This large clinical research unit supports local and collaborative studies in therapeutics, primary HIV infection, STI diagnostics, and research into sexually transmitted bacterial infections. The research group has a comprehensive portfolio of local investigator-led research council and industry-funded studies in antiretroviral therapy, HIV & ageing, HIV and co-infections, HIV & brain health, global health, and STIs. The group also has a strong record of mixed methods research in HIV and Sexual Health. Together, these provide numerous opportunities for the successful candidate to develop their own research and establish themselves as independent researchers.

For this ACF, we are seeking an enthusiastic candidate interested in developing a program of research work in HIV or Sexual Health. The trainee will be based at the Department of Global Health and Infection, where they will have opportunities to interact with a transdisciplinary group of academics, including social scientists, global health academics, and health economists. Trainees will have an academic supervisor and will be expected to develop their own research projects. In their second year, they are encouraged to apply for fellowships to pursue higher degrees (MD or PhD). If applicable, specialised training as a SpR will be completed. Following completion of a higher medical degree, the trainee will have the option to return to specialist training as an SpR or compete for a Clinical Lectureship.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme
For those entering at ST1-3, trainees will complete three years of core/internal medical training in KSS. They will rotate through various specialties and achieve the competencies of becoming a medical registrar. All CMT and IMT trainees have a dedicated educational supervisor who delivers individually tailored, local weekly teaching sessions and is adept in clinical teaching and appraisal. All trainees provide weekly teaching sessions for medical students, and are exposed to acute medical takes to ensure complete coverage of the IMT curriculum. IMT programmes are based at University Hospitals Sussex and will compromise 4-6 month rotations. See https://kss.hee.nhs.uk/medicine/core-medical-training/. The Academic Fellowships are for three years and are run in parallel with the IMT-CMT programme. The training is based at The Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, a teaching hospital. There is a strong commitment to teaching and training throughout the post, with a system of regular feedback, support and appraisals by named Academic and Clinical Supervisors. For those entering at ST1-3 there is a guarantee run through to the ST4 KSS 4-year joint training programme in Genitourinary Medicine subject to clinical benchmarking

7. Academic Programme Director name
- Dr Jessica Eccles, Associated Professor in Psychiatry, Co-Lead KSS IAT
- Dr John Jones, Associated Professor in Haemato-oncology, Co-Lead KSS IAT
- Professor Gordon Ferns, Academic Programme Director, Health Education Kent Surrey & Sussex

8. Clinical Programme Director name
Prof Yvonne Gilleece

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Specialty Team https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home
Recruitment Enquiries - https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home

11. Useful websites for further information IAT Guide | NIHR
https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/academy-programmes/integrated-academic-training.htm

12. Confirmation that the post attracts an NTN (A)

Yes