Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Infectious Diseases

(With General Internal Medicine at IMT3 OR ST4 or With Medical Microbiology or Virology at ST3)

1. Job title and person specification

Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) in Infectious Diseases and General (Internal) Medicine at IMT3 or ST4 level; or Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology or Medical Virology at ST3 level.

Successful candidates will be expected to be able to demonstrate their commitment and potential for a clinical academic career, and alignment of their research interests with research strengths at LSHTM.

2. Duration of post

The ACF position will be for three years or transfer to a research fellowship, whichever comes first. Academic Clinical Fellows who fail to secure research fellowships will be transferred to the standard HEE Pan London Infection Training Programme.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

The post-holder will be affiliated with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and, as for all ACF positions, will be employed by the NHS Trust providing training in each part of the programme.

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time

The ACF post will provide a 75:25 split between clinical training and research. Block rotations between clinical and research commitments will be arranged on a case-by-case basis by agreement with the Training Programme Director and the Academic Lead, informed by regular reviews and formal assessments. Flexible Training will be available in accordance with HEE/GMC policy.

5. Research component of the programme

ACFs will have access to investigators doing research on Infectious Diseases all over the world at the

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (http://www.lshtm.ac.uk) and there are close links with the UCL Division of Infection & Immunity (www.ucl.ac.uk/infection-immunity) and to the UCLH/UCL Biomedical Research Centre (www.uclhospitals.brc.nihr.ac.uk). These investigators also benefit from close affiliations to UK Health Securities Agency and the Francis Crick Institute. The post holder will be expected to develop a proposal for a clinical research training fellowship under the supervision or co-supervision of investigators at LSHTM. Academic mentorship will be provided by the academic lead for ACFs at LSHTM. They will introduce ACFs to potential supervisors and provide advice on planning their research attachments in preparation for fellowship applications. In addition, ACFs will benefit from pre-submission feedback on draft applications from a multidisciplinary academic panel, who can provide advice on study design and recommend appropriate advisors for particular aspects of the proposal, e.g. statistical issues or particular laboratory techniques. LSHTM will provide administrative support and access to the NIHR Annual Bursary of £1000 for each year that they are in post for conference fees, workshops and research visits including travel, registration and hotel costs, and to MSc modules at LSHTM.

6. Clinical training component of programme

Infectious Diseases with GIM: Applicants who opt for dual training in General Internal Medicine (GIM) can be appointed at either IMT3 (if they are currently in an Internal Medical Training (IMT2) or Acute Care Common Stem (CT3) post) OR at ST4 if they are currently in their final year of IMT training (IMT3).

Infectious Diseases with MM or MV: Applicants must be eligible to take up an ST3 post having completed IMT2.

Clinical Benchmarking: Individuals applying at ST3 or ST4 level will need to apply for the clinical ST3/ST4 Combined Infection Training Recruitment and attend a benchmarking interview to confirm the offer of the ACF post.

Clinical Rotations: Trainees will be based in the HEE Pan-London Infection Training Programme. Clinical placements will depend on the requirements and special interests of the trainee. All trainees will be expected to undertake their Combined Infection Certificate Examination during this post. ACFs will be allocated a clinical and educational supervisor and may be required to join the on-call rota depending on specific arrangements during each clinical attachment.

Main duties of the postholder for IMY3

If the ACF joins the program at IMT3 level and in year 1 will complete rotations in Internal Medicine to ensure a broad range of training in Internal Medicine and sign off for IMT Stage 1 at the end of year 1 of the ACF. Clinical work during this time will focus on managing the acute unselected medical take, the ongoing care of medical inpatients and outpatient work as outlined in the IMT Stage 1 curriculum Training. Opportunities will include the local and regional IMT3 training as well as simulation training. Specific rotations and rotation locations will be devised with the IMT Training Program Directors based on the clinical training needs of the ACF but will not routinely include specialty medicine.

7. Academic programme lead for Infection

Dr Michael Marks (LSHTM)

8. Clinical training programme directors

Dr Phil Gothard (Infectious Diseases)
Dr Caryn Rosmarin (Microbiology)
Dr Lila Paraskevopoulou (Virology)

9. Further information

Professor Michael Marks (michael.marks@lshtm.ac.uk)

10. NHSE contact:

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