Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Infectious Diseases and General Internal Medicine at IMT3 or ST4 or Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology or Virology at ST3

1. Job Title:

Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) in Infectious Diseases (ID) and General Internal Medicine (GIM), or in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology (MM) or Virology (MV).

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 University College London (UCL).

2. Duration of post: 3 years

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

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

University College London

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 NHS England/General Medical Council policy.

5. Description of research component of programme

ACFs will have access to investigators across UCL and the University College London Hospitals (UCLH)/UCL Biomedical Research Centre, with world-leading expertise in Laboratory Science (encompassing Immunology, Virology and Bacteriology), Data Science, Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology, Global Health and Clinical Trials focussing on research priorities in Infection including HIV, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis, Acute Respiratory Viruses, Emerging Pathogens, Childhood Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance. These investigators also benefit from close affiliations to UK Health Securities Agency, the Francis Crick Institute, Great Ormond Street Hospital and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The post holder will be expected to develop a proposal for a clinical research training fellowship under the supervision or co-supervision of investigators UCL. Academic mentorship will be provided by the Academic Lead for Infection within UCL Academic Careers Office. They will introduce ACFs to potential supervisors and provide advice on planning their research attachments in preparation for fellowship applications.

The UCL Academic Careers Office will provide administrative support and access to the NIHR Annual Bursary of £1000 each year they are in post for conference fees, workshops and research visits including travel, registration, and accommodation costs, and to the NIHR MSc Training Fund.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

Applicants who opt for dual training in GIM (Group 1 specialties) must be in their penultimate year of Internal Medical Training (IMT2) or Acute Care Common Stem (CT3), and will not require additional clinical benchmarking.

Applicants wishing to be considered for combined infection training programmes ID/MM or ID/MV (Group 2 specialties), or ID/GIM at ST4 level, will need to apply for the Combined Infection Training Recruitment and attend a benchmarking interview to confirm the offer of the ACF post.

Successful applicants pursuing ID/GIM training will be appointed at IMT3 or specialty training ST4 level depending on their prior experience. Those pursuing ID/MM or ID/MV will be appointed at ST3 level.

Clinical placements will be in the well-established London Training Programme for Combined Infection Training, including a wide range of sub-specialty training posts. Specific placements will depend on the requirements of the trainee, coordinated by the Training Programme Director.

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.

All trainees are expected to progress through ST stages at annual intervals through ARCPs, contingent on meeting the requirements of specialty-specific JRCPTB decision aids for each stage.

7. Academic Programme Director name

Prof Hanif Esmail

8. Clinical Programme Director name

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

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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

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