Job description for 2016 ACF posts

1. **Title of Post**

   Academic Clinical Fellowship

2. **Duration of post**

   The ACF programme is up to 3 years. It is expected that appointees will successfully compete for external funding towards PhD training at the end of 3 years. Details of arrangements for appointees failing to secure a research training fellowship at the end of this period are outlined in the NIHR TCC Guide on Entry, Eligibility and Exit points.

3. **Hospitals – bases for training**

   Hospitals within Health Education North East training trusts.

   This could be at hospitals within the following organisations:

   - City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
   - County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
   - Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
   - Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
   - North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust
   - North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
   - Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
   - Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
   - South Tees NHS Foundation Trust
   - South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust
   - Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

   During an ACF and the subsequent run-through training, trainees could rotate through any of the above training trusts, depending on the Specialty.

   Specialty specific information on base is available on the 'ACF specialty specific information sheets'.

4. **Research – base for training**

   Newcastle University ([www.newcastle.ac.uk](http://www.newcastle.ac.uk) and [www.ncl.ac.uk/biomedicine](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/biomedicine))
5. **Arrangements for protected research time**

ACF fellows will have nine months (full time equivalent) dedicated to research during the three years. Configuration of this time will depend in part on the nature of the research project being pursued and the arrangements will differ from specialty to specialty. One month is allowed for Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Research and other training. The remaining eight months research time can be taken as one day a week or one eight month block or two four month blocks during the 3 year programme, depending on the nature of the research.

6. **Clinical and research component of programme**

Further information on UKCRC/MMC Integrated Academic Training is available from the NIHR TCC website: http://www.NIHR TCC.nhs.uk/. The NIHR TCC manages both the Academic Clinical Fellowship and Clinical Lectureship phases of the Integrated Academic Pathway. These awards make up part of a package of measures recommended in the Walport Report "Medically and dentally qualified academic staff: Recommendations for training the researchers and educators of the future".

Academic Clinical Fellows will participate in the on-call rota during their clinical time. Participation of on-call during research time will be dependent on the organisation and specialty and will be agreed locally.

7. **Mission Statement**

The programme seeks to provide, over a 3 year period, high quality clinical and research training opportunities with the aim that, at completion, the trainee will have;

(i) Successfully obtained a research training fellowship in order to undertake (2 or) 3 year's fulltime research to study for a (MD or) PhD.

(ii) Successfully completed Year 3 ARCP (including the successful completion of Basic Training (BT) and evidence of progress through Intermediate Training (IT), as laid out in the Specialty Curriculum.

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10. **Link to NIHR website for further information**

   http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/

11. **Training number status**

   This post carries an NTN (A)