**APPLYING FOR AN NIHR ACADEMIC CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP**

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| **ELIGIBILITY**  | • Evidence of achievement of Foundation competences                        | - Evidence of commitment to the specialty- Intercalated honours for BSc and/or additional qualifications e.g. MSc etc  
- Distinction or honours during MBBS programme  
- Completion of Academic Foundation Programme or equivalent                                                                 | Application form |
| **KNOWLEDGE & ACHIEVEMENTS** | • Demonstration of acquisition of the level of knowledge and skills necessary for the completion of F2  
- Demonstration of understanding of, and commitment to, an academic career | • Demonstration of good general knowledge / broad interest in science and academic medicine  
- Prizes or distinctions  
- Presentation of work at a national or international meeting  
- Publications in peer reviewed journals  
- Additional degree or MSc in relevant subject area  
- Research experience  
Demonstration of knowledge of the clinical academic career pathway                                                                 | Application Form and selection centre |
| **EDUCATIONAL & PERSONAL ASPECTS** | - Demonstration of understanding and commitment to academic career  
- Support of an academic referee for this application. | • Demonstration of educational reasons for applying for this Academic Clinical Fellowship programme  
- Demonstration of personal reasons for applying for this Academic Clinical Fellowship programme                                                                 | Application Form and selection centre |
| **COMMUNICATION SKILLS** | - As for standard person specification criteria                            | • Evidence of team working skills  
- Evidence of leadership potential  
- Evidence through scientific publications and presentations                                                                                                                                  | Application Form and selection centre |

Please note that candidates with MB/PhDs or other relevant higher degrees are eligible for the scheme and are advised to consult the paper ‘NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowships: Entry, Eligibility and Exit Points for Appointments Made in 2011’ which can be downloaded from the website [www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk](http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk).

¹ ‘when evaluated’ is indicative, but may be carried out at any time throughout the selection process