Job description for 2014 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:
   Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
   City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
   South Tees NHS Foundation Trust
   Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
   Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
   North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
   North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust
   
   During an ACF & 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)

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 & the arrangements will differ from specialty to specialty. It could be a one day a week or one nine month block or a three month block each year of research only time during the 3 year programme.
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 depend on the organisation and specialty and will be agreed locally.

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, and passed Part 1 MRCOG.

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


12. **Training number status**

   This post carries an NTN(A)