



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Clinical Research Fellow in Hepatology, Faculty of Medicine and Health



**Salary awarded depending on trainee's current NHS pay scale and pay protection status under transitional arrangements (£32,569 - £49,086 or £37,191 - £47,132 per annum)**

**Reference: MHBCS1082**

**Closing date: 3 July 2019**

**This post is fixed-term for two years. We are happy to consider job share applications and are committed to flexible working for all our employees.**

# **Clinical Research Fellow in Hepatology**

## **School of Medicine**

### **Leeds Institute for Medical Research**

**Are you medically qualified and ambitious with an interest in research and liver disease? Do you have experience of working in Gastroenterology and Hepatology? Do you want to further your career by undertaking an MD degree in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?**

You will support and undertake research in novel magnetic resonance (MR) imaging to identify risks of drug induced liver disease as part of a large European collaborative research group in the TRISTAN project. Your research will focus on proof of concept imaging studies to identify the potential utility of MR imaging in the development of new drugs and in chronic biliary diseases, including primary biliary cholangitis. You will lead your own studies in this area, including clinical studies in patients and healthy volunteers, and contribute to the work of the research group as a whole.

During your employment you will also work towards an MD at the University of Leeds. This is an exciting opportunity if you are a Gastroenterology and/or Hepatology trainee, especially if you are aiming to sub-specialise in Hepatology or pursue an academic career. You will be medically qualified with MRCP or equivalent and full GMC registration.

## **What does the role entail?**

As Clinical Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Generating and pursuing original research ideas in the appropriate subject area;
- Developing research objectives and proposals and contributing to setting the direction of the research project and team including, where appropriate preparing proposals for funding in collaboration with colleagues;
- Identifying and recruiting suitable patients and healthy volunteers following good practice guidelines;
- Leading on all aspects of data collection, database entry and data analysis;
- Communicating or presenting research results at a local and international level;



- Independently writing reports and preparing papers leading to high quality publications in peer-reviewed journals, or other recognised forms of output, as appropriate;
- Evaluating methods and techniques used and results obtained by other researchers and to relate such evaluations appropriately to your own work;
- Keeping abreast of the literature and maintain a good working knowledge of the background and current developments in the field of the project;
- Working both independently and also as part of a larger team of researchers, engaging in knowledge-transfer activities where appropriate and feasible;
- Contributing to teaching activities of the group where appropriate.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

You will report to Ian Rowe, University Academic Fellow and Honorary Consultant Hepatologist.

## What will you bring to the role?

As a Clinical Research Fellow you will have:

- MBBS / MBChB or equivalent;
- MRCP (UK) or equivalent (international qualifications will be considered);
- GMC registration with a licence to practice;
- Gastroenterology/Hepatology trainee or equivalent international position / NTN;
- Demonstrated experience in Hepatology;
- A strong commitment to your own continuous professional development including evidence of motivation to pursue a higher research degree;
- Proven ability to write to the standard required for research reports/international publications;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Good time management and planning skills, with proven ability to manage competing demands effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- Ability to work flexibly, when necessary, to fulfil the needs of the research project.



You may also have:

- Experience in medical research;
- Previous first author peer reviewed publications;
- Familiarity with computer packages (e.g. quantitative data analysis).
- Experience of research public and patient engagement (PPI)
- Previous experience in clinical trials research (training will be provided as necessary)
- An understanding of literature searching techniques and statistics

## How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

**Dr Ian Rowe, University Academic Fellow and Honorary Consultant Hepatologist**

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## Additional information

Find out more about the [Faculty of Medicine and Health](#)

Find out more about the [Leeds Institute for Medical Research](#)

Find out more about the [Leeds Liver Unit](#) at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Find out more about the [TRISTAN](#) project

Find out more about [Athena Swan](#) in the Faculty.



### **Junior Doctor / Dentists in training**

We have implemented a new approach to pay for junior doctors and dentists in training which mirrors the new pay system and transitional arrangements introduced into the NHS by the 2016 contract for Junior Doctor / Dentists in training; the salary awarded for this role will be awarded depending on a trainee's current NHS pay scale status under the transitional arrangements.

### **Clinical Duties**

There are no defined clinical duties so that you can concentrate fully on your research. Where some clinical work is identified as appropriate, this will not normally exceed 10% of your time on an annualised basis and will be in agreement with your supervisors.

### **Honorary Contract**

During your employment you will hold an honorary Specialty or Specialist Registrar appointment at Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust and will be expected to register with the University of Leeds for a higher degree.

### **Professional Registration**

As a qualified doctor you should hold registration with the GMC with a license to practise. International applicants must be eligible for registration with GMC and have this in place before taking up the appointment. You will be required to maintain such registration so long as you remain employed with the University Of Leeds, confirming to your line manager that renewal has been carried out as required by the relevant professional organisation. You should produce documentation giving evidence of your registration upon request.

### **Working at Leeds**

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

### **Candidates with disabilities**

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at [disclosure@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:disclosure@leeds.ac.uk).



## Criminal record information

### **Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975**

This post requires an enhanced criminal record check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and any equivalent overseas authorities where relevant. The successful candidate will be required to give consent for the University to check their criminal record status. All applicants are required to make a self-declaration where applicable.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to the University being satisfied with the outcome of these checks, in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

