



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Clinical Research Fellow in Cardiology, 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 p.a. or £37,191 - £47,132 p.a.)

Reference: MHLCM1188

Closing date: 11 August 2019

Fixed-term for 12 months in the first instance

Clinical Research Fellow in Cardiology, School of Medicine Leeds Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine

Are you medically qualified and ambitious with an interest in research in heart failure and devices therapy? Do you have experience of working in clinical research? Do you want to further your career by undertaking a PhD in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

You will support and undertake research in heart failure, exploring how current approaches to device therapy can be improved for the benefit of patients. Your research will focus on optimising pacemaker therapy. You will lead your own studies in this area, including methods development and clinical studies and contribute to the work of the research group as a whole.

During your employment you will also work towards applying for an externally funded PhD Fellowship at the University of Leeds. This is an exciting opportunity if you are a cardiology trainee, especially if you are aiming to sub specialise in the field of heart failure or imaging 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 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;
- 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 Klaus Witte, Senior Lecturer in Cardiology.

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;
- Cardiology trainee or equivalent international position / NTN;
- Experience of working in cardiology (at sub-specialty trainee level);
- Demonstrated experience in aspects of methodology in clinical research;
- 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 for (e.g. quantitative data analysis).
- Preferably a Member/Fellow of one of the Royal Colleges
- Experience of research public and patient engagement (PPI)



- Previous experience in laboratory-based or clinical trials research (training will be provided if 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:

Klaus Witte, Senior Lecturer in Cardiology

Email: k.k.witte@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

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

Find out more about [Athena Swan](#) in the Faculty of Medicine and Health.

Find out more about [Leeds Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine](#).

Find out more about the [Clinical and Population Science Department](#)

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

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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.

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.

