



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Candlelighters Clinical Research Fellowship x2, Faculty of Medicine and Health



Salary awarded depending on trainee's current NHS pay scale and pay protection status under transitional arrangements (£33,221 - £50,068 or £37,935 - £48,075 p.a)

Reference: MHLMR1003

Closing date: 5 January 2020

It is anticipated that interviews will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 but may be subject to change

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

# **Candlelighters Clinical Research Fellowship x2**

## **School of Medicine**

### **Leeds Institute of Medical Research**

**Are you medically qualified and ambitious with an interest in full time cancer research with relevance to malignant disorders in children and young people? Do you have experience of working in paediatric/TYA cancer related disciplines (paediatric, medical and clinical oncology, surgery, pathology and others)? Do you want to further your career by undertaking a PhD/MD in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?**

You will support and undertake research in areas of relevance to children and young people with cancer. Your research will focus on paediatric/teenage and young adult oncology or malignant haematology, with a view to you becoming a leader in your field. You will be expected to participate in a structured clinical research training programme, supported by a scientific and a clinical supervisor.

During your employment you will also work towards a PhD or MD at the University of Leeds. This is an exciting opportunity if you are a clinician, especially if you are committed to an academic career relevant to paediatric/teenage and young adult oncology or malignant haematology. You will be medically qualified, GMC registered and should preferably be a Member/Fellow of a UK Royal College.

A portfolio of potential projects is available and interested candidates should email Linda Roberts, [l.roberts@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:l.roberts@leeds.ac.uk) for these. The successful candidates will be able to choose which project they would like to do.

These two posts are part of a research training fellowship programme funded by Candlelighters – link provided under 'Additional Information'.

## **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;
- Playing a role in the wider life of paediatric/TYA cancer research in Leeds, including public and patient engagement activities;



- Taking responsibility for the day-to-day running of your study;
- Presenting research data at a local and international level and contributing fully to the activities of the multi-disciplinary team;
- Teaching: Although no formal teaching requirements will be made of Fellows, they may be expected to share in these tasks on an occasional basis;
- Training: A rolling training programme will be required to support acquisition of a broad knowledge base in basic scientific, translational and applied health services research, epidemiology and biostatistics. This may consist of a weekly programme of Fellows' tutorials and training activities including journal club;
- Maintaining a safe work environment, including ensuring compliance with legislation and the undertaking of risk assessments;
- Maintaining continuing professional development;
- Clinical Duties: The intention of the funding is to provide the opportunity to concentrate fully on performing high-quality cancer research. However, it is recognised that it is important for Fellows to perform a small amount of clinical work. This will not exceed 10% of their time, on an annualised basis, except in exceptional circumstances, and in agreement with their supervisors and the Programme Directors.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties and responsibilities will be agreed by the supervisors and the Scientific Committee, and will be consistent with the grade of the post.

You will report to Professor Sally Kinsey or Professor Adam Glaser – details under contact information.

## What will you bring to the role?

As a Clinical Research Fellow you will have:

- Medical qualifications with suitable clinical experience
- GMC registration with a licence to practice;
- A keen interest in paediatric/TYA oncology or malignant haematology research, with a desire to undertake a higher research degree (PhD or MD);
- Motivation and the potential to become an outstanding researcher with capacity for original thought that will enable you to develop an individual research interest;



- An enthusiasm for learning appropriate new research techniques;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including presentation skills and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders;
- Proven ability to write to the standard required for research reports/international publications;
- Good time management and planning skills, with proven ability to manage competing demands and deadlines effectively, responsibly and without close support;
- Competent computing skills and an awareness of information technology;
- Ability to work flexibly, when necessary, to fulfil the needs of the research project.

You may also have:

- Experience in medical research;
- Membership/Fellowship of one of the Royal Colleges;
- Previous experience in laboratory-based or clinical research (training will be provided if necessary);
- An understanding of literature searching techniques and statistics.

It is expected that a high proportion of the research performed during the Fellowship will contribute to the award of a higher degree.

## 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:

**Professor Sally Kinsey**

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Or



**Professor Adam Glaser**

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## **Additional information**

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

Find out more about [Leeds Institute of Medical Research at St James's](#)

Find out more about [Leeds Institute for Data Analytics](#).

Find out more about [Candlelighters](#).

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

### **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.

