



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Clinical Research Fellow, Faculty of Medicine and Health



Salary awarded depending on trainee's current NHS pay scale and pay protection status under transitional arrangements (£33,885 - £51,069 p.a. or £32,691 - £49,036 p.a.)

Reference: MHLRM1132

Closing date: 11 July 2020

This post is fixed-term for 12 months, expected start date 5th August 2020

Clinical Research Fellow

School of Medicine

Leeds Institute of Rheumatic & Musculoskeletal Medicine

Are you an enthusiastic and motivated clinician looking to gain experience in clinical research? Do you have an interest in Lupus and connective tissue disease research? Do you want to further your career in one of the UK's leading research intensive Universities?

An opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic clinician to work with world-leading musculoskeletal researchers at the Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine.

Responsible to Dr Ed Vital, you will continue and develop clinical research in pre-clinical and established disease in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus SLE and other connective tissue diseases and manage these patient cohorts. You will focus on clinical and translational work in blood and skin samples. You will work with Dr Vital to agree and implement clear priorities for research projects, developing service requirements, and liaison with research support staff. The post requires working with key team members across the Institute and you will be integral to the success of the wider portfolio of research projects in CTD translational research. An important aspect of this role will be to analyse and publish existing data, so experience in publishing in the field of SLE is essential.

You are expected to work on the day-to-day co-ordination of the research portfolio. You will undertake investigator-initiated projects as well as acting as the sub-investigator in external clinical trials (with Section Head/other Senior Lecturer/Consultant as principal investigator). You will co-ordinate the maintenance of clinical databases for this patient population. You will also participate in clinical activities directly related to inflammatory arthritis and connective tissue diseases that could contribute to fulfilling requirements for specialist training in Rheumatology, if appropriate for the successful candidate. You will be required to attend and participate in research presentations, journal reviews and external speaker meetings, which are held regularly at Chapel Allerton Hospital.

You will be medically qualified and have completed core medical training or equivalent. You will have current GMC registration and have passed Member of the Royal College



of Physicians examination if UK qualified. You will have previous experience working within a research setting as well as some clinical experience in a Rheumatology field. You will be experienced in acquiring and analysing musculoskeletal ultrasound.

This post is available immediately for a fixed term of **12 months** and will be based at Chapel Allerton Hospital.

What does the role entail?

As Clinical Research Fellow your main duties will include:

- Conducting high-quality research studies, contributing to the development of the projects, under appropriate supervision and guidance;
- Contributing to writing up the results of work you have been involved with, leading to publications in peer-reviewed journals;
- Taking responsibility for the successful day-to-day running of specific Rheumatology research activities;
- Agreeing and implementing clear priorities, with your line managers, for Rheumatology research through management of research projects, developing service requirements, and liaison with research support staff (administrative and nursing);
- Assisting with the development and implementation of Rheumatology research by contributing to research proposals and protocols, writing grant applications and research articles;
- Leading on all aspects of data collection, database entry and data analysis;
- Making and contributing to decisions on day-to-day matters that affect your own work and that of the team;
- When appropriate, presenting your research data at a local and international level and contributing fully to the activities of the multidisciplinary team;
- Regularly attending departmental and institute research seminars and meetings and undertake training courses where required;
- Keeping abreast and maintaining a good working knowledge of the relevant literature and current developments in the field of the project;
- Building internal and external contacts and participate in internal networks for the exchange of information and for future collaboration;
- Developing excellent effective working relationships within the multidisciplinary group and the wider Institute/University;
- Maintaining own continuing professional development;



- Supporting the Clinical Trials Team within the Institute, providing input into commercial negotiations and costing and liaison with key Sponsors;
- The successful applicant will be required to complete Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training as soon as practical after appointment.

Teaching

Although no formal teaching requirements will be made of fellows, they may be expected to share in these tasks on an occasional basis, contributing to the teaching activities of the group.

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.

What will you bring to the role?

As a Clinical Research Fellow, you will have:

- A Medical qualification (MChB or equivalent);
- A research degree (MD or PhD), or able to demonstrate equivalent skills
- Have completed core medical training (or equivalent);
- Current GMC registration (with a licence to practice) or demonstrated eligibility for registration (for non-UK applicants);
- Clinical experience in rheumatology;
- Previous experience of working in a research environment with the ability to plan and carry out research work, setting objectives and producing updates on your work to interested parties;
- Effective interpersonal, communication and organisational skills, including presentational skills and ability to undertake written reports;
- A proven understanding of literature searching techniques and statistics;
- High level of IT proficiency (MS Office, Excel, e-communication);
- Proven ability to deliver and work to deadlines, working on a number of different projects;
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team and be highly self-motivated, inputting into ideas and decisions of the wider research team;
- Ability to build, maintain and develop effective working relationships inside and outside the University.



You may also have:

- A specialist training post in Rheumatology (or equivalent);
- An understanding of academic challenges facing arthritis research;
- Previous experience in clinical trials research;
- Previous experience as Clinical trials sub investigator;
- Previous experience in grant writing and successful grant income generation;
- Completed GCP training within the past 12 months.

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 Ed Vital, Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist
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Additional information

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

Find out more about our [Institute](#).

Find out more about our [Research and associated facilities](#).

You will report to Dr Edward Vital, Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist, and Professor Paul Emery, Arthritis Research UK, Professor of Rheumatology, Director Leeds Biomedical Research Centre, LTHT



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. You will not be expected to register with the University of Leeds for a higher degree although this could be considered if appropriate.

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.



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.

