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CANDIDATE BRIEF

NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer in Rheumatology
Faculty of Medicine and Health



Salary awarded depending on applicant's current NHS pay scale and pay protection status under transitional arrangements

Reference: MHLRM1267 Closing date: 15 April 2025

Available for up to 4 years or to CCT date (whichever is sooner and applicable)

NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer in Rheumatology Faculty of Medicine and Health, School of Medicine Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine

Do you want the opportunity to develop your existing academic experience in a supportive and inspirational environment where you can establish your clinical academic career?

Applications are invited for a NIHR Integrated Academic Training Clinical Lecturer post. The post is available for up to four years according to the clinical training needs to obtain a CCT in Rheumatology. You will join the vibrant Integrated Academic Training programme at Leeds which provides a supportive research environment to develop independent, novel research alongside your clinical specialist training or clinical practice. Clinical training will lead to full registration and CCT and you will be awarded a training contract with the Regional Postgraduate Deanery at specialist registrar (or equivalent) grade and an honorary contract with the appropriate NHS Trust. At appointment you will hold a National Training Number (NTN) in higher specialty training and must already be at a minimum of ST4.

The successful candidate will spend 50% of the appointed period continuing or establishing a new research programme with 50% of the appointed period allocated to appropriate clinical training or practice. There are opportunities to align to current research interests within the **Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine (LIRMM)**. You will undertake internationally regarded research and have the benefit of senior academic support in making grant applications, as well as independent mentoring on career progression. You will also share responsibility for delivering high quality undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programmes.

You will have submitted your PhD/MD at the time you apply and will provide evidence that you have been fully awarded your degree by the time you take up the post. The Rheumatology component of the post is located in Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine and NHS Trust premises (including Chapel Allerton Hospital and St James's Hospital).

The successful applicant must be in post by 1st September 2025



What does the role entail?

As an NIHR Clinical Lecturer it is envisaged that five sessions of your time will be spent in innovative and scholarly research (including up to one session teaching) and for five sessions you will undertake appropriate clinical training or practice.

Research

You will be expected to achieve and maintain an active research portfolio, both producing regular publications and developing the skills required to write successful research grants and Intermediate, Advanced or Clinician Scientist Fellowship applications. Your research output would be expected to be of international quality as judged by the Research Excellence Framework 2021 standards. You would be expected to seek external peer review funding to support your research. You will have protected time to pursue your research and there may be flexibility within the clinical training program to allow substantial periods of research without clinical commitment rather than combining both in the working week.

The postholder will be expected to develop a research programme related to research at the Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine (LIRMM) and linking to internationally-leading groups within the Leeds Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Musculoskeletal Theme which cover rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic disease and axial spondyloarthritis, connective tissue disease, scleroderma, autoinflammatory disease, vasculitis, polymyalgia rheumatica, osteoarthritis and soft-tissue disease, particularly foot disorders.

Postholders can choose to focus on either prevention in at-risk patients or stratification for targeted therapy. We have strong links with the Turing and Crick Institutes and rich datasets (genomic, epigenomic, transcriptomic, proteomic, microbiomic), providing opportunities for bioinformatic and machine learning approaches. Imaging expertise includes ultrasound, MRI and positron emission tomography.

Our collaborative research environment spans the whole of the translational pathway from discovery work through to large clinical trials. There is a Clinical Research Facility on-site at Chapel Allerton and further Clinical Research Facilities at St James's University Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary. The Leeds BRC provides support including imaging and patient and public involvement. There is an on-site research laboratory at Chapel Allerton Hospital.

Cross-disciplinary and cross-Faculty collaborations within the University of Leeds is encouraged with other Institutes within the Faculty of Medicine and Health and the Faculty of Biological Sciences. These are located on the main University campus



adjacent to the Leeds General Infirmary. A free staff shuttle bus service allows easy transport between sites.

Teaching

You will be expected to contribute to the organisation and delivery of undergraduate teaching throughout your clinical and research years. The administrative, preparation time and actual teaching would not exceed the equivalent of one session each week. During clinical periods the person would be expected to undertake teaching and training commitments as expected of other Specialist Registrars in Rheumatology training.

Clinical Activity

You will enter into an appropriate year within the Specialist Training Programme. Rotations include posts at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and other regional centres and units to meet the full current Royal College curriculum for Rheumatology with General Internal Medicine. You will have the opportunity to obtain gain experience in all the subspecialty areas within Rheumatology.

The timetable of the Rheumatology clinical training post will depend on the placement but will comprise outpatient clinics, day case unit work, ward rounds, multidisciplinary team meetings, Quality Forum (clinical governance meetings) and time for administration. Currently the out of hours commitment (evenings and weekends) is an on call rota with on-call consultant support available at all times. Leeds has dedicated Rheumatology beds on its own ward (C2) at Chapel Allerton Hospital. Rheumatology trainees spend the majority of their time at Chapel Allerton Hospital with some time covering the acute site at St James's Hospital. A variety of general and subspecialist outpatient clinics continue throughout all clinical training rotations.

The clinical training programme will be developed based on the post-holder's training needs as they work towards successful completion of clinical training in Rheumatology and General Internal Medicine leading to an award of Completion of Certificate of Training (CCT).



What will you bring to the role?

As a NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer;

You must demonstrate appointability under the NIHR Clinical Lectureship Academic Person Specification and the appropriate Royal College Clinical Person Specification or, in the absence of a clinical person specification, the appropriate areas of the Clinical Curriculum.

ACADEMIC PERSON SPECIFICATION **APPENDIX 1**

CLINICAL PERSON SPECIFICATION **APPENDIX 2**

As a qualified doctor you should obtain periodic registration with the GMC. 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.

Please note: **University of Leeds terms and conditions of employment will apply**

For further background to NIHR CL posts at Leeds please see **APPENDIX 3**

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](#).

Applications should include the NIHR Supplementary Questions for Candidates form – **APPENDIX 4**

Contact information

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

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Additional information

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

Find out more about [Leeds Clinical Academic Training](#)

Find out more about [Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine](#)

Find out more about the [Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust](#).

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

Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's 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 and barred list 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 in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

