# Job Description

# NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship

# Dermatology ST3 entry

# (1 single speciality post)

Hull York Medical School, in partnership with Health Education England Yorkshire and York Health Care NHS Trust, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, and the Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust, has developed an exciting opportunity for clinical academic training in Dermatology.

Applications are now invited for an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in **Dermatology** at **ST3** level. This post is in the NIHR Priority theme of Platform Science and Bioinformatics, is funded and approved by the National Institute for Health Research and offers candidates a comprehensive experience of clinical academic medicine working alongside internationally renowned clinicians and researchers.

We are seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic individual with the potential to excel in both their clinical and academic training and who has the ambition to be among the next generation of academic clinicians. This Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) in Dermatology is run by Hull York Medical School (HYMS) in conjunction with Health Education England Yorkshire and the Humber.

Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are 3 year fixed-term national training posts. Trainees undertake 75% clinical and 25% academic training over the term of the post. They are employed by the NHS Trust and have an honorary contract with the University at whose Medical School their academic research is supported. ACF trainees also undertake a research training programme provided by the University. They are eligible for a training bursary of up to £1,000 per year to support research training activity (e.g. to attend academic conferences and other training).

ACF trainees would be expected to complete and submit an external funding application for a research fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD or research MD) during/following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, which higher degree would then be completed as Out-of-Programme-Research (OOPR).

All Academic Clinical Fellowships are run-through posts, regardless of specialty, with the exception of ‘Medical Education’ ACFs. A trainee entering ACF at ST1 or ST2 in a specialty with a Core Training period would therefore be guaranteed continued training to CCT in the eventual specialty, as long as they progress satisfactorily through both their academic and clinical training. Run-through status is withdrawn if ACFs do not complete the academic component.

# POST DETAILS

## Job Title

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) – Dermatology

## Duration of the Post

Up to 3 years (25% academic, 75% clinical).

A mutually agreeable timetable will be drawn up by the candidate and the academic/clinical supervisors, designed to meet overall training goals. This will include protected research time. The exact division of time will be guided by the proposed research project and whether blocks of time or weekly research time are more appropriate. The appointee will have on-call commitments which will vary depending upon the varying shift systems and training/service requirements.

## Lead NHS Hospital/Trust in which training will take place

## The North, West and East Yorkshire Dermatology training rotation is mainly based in Leeds Teaching Hospitals at Chapel Allerton Hospital and St James’s University Hospital, with 1-1.5 years spent in a District General Hospital. The District General Hospitals in the scheme are York Health Care NHS Trust, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, and The Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust.

## Research institution in which training will take place

The successful candidate will be based at the University of York, within the Skin Research Centre at Hull York Medical School (see <https://www.hyms.ac.uk/about/people/tarl-prow> ) and working with the Pathology and Dermatology Units of York, Harrogate and Leeds Hospital.

## Research Protected Time:

ACFs are expected to complete either an MSc by research or relevant modules to extend their training (if they already have an MSc), at Hull York Medical School. The protected research period (25% time) is used to obtain specific experience and knowledge in the research area of interest, obtain pilot data, and apply for an external research fellowship.

## Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Research Component

This proposed Dermatology ACF will undertake novel research at the University of York, collaborating with local Pathology and Dermatology Units of York, Harrogate and Leeds Hospitals, and will work under the umbrella of the newly-formed (2021) Skin Research Centre, supervised by Prof Alison Layton and Prof Tarl Prow.

There is a well-established programme of skin research in York. Areas of interest include leishmaniasis, melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer, acne and associated sequelae.

Although the Skin Research Centre is new, it consolidates existing successful collaboration between the Biomedical Science laboratories at University of York, and the Pathology and Dermatology Units at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The ACF will receive training in laboratory techniques, bioinformatic skills, and Research Methods. There is an active educational programme, monthly regional meetings, journal club, and research seminar programme. IAT trainees are encouraged to attend the North of England Dermatology meetings and Royal Society of Medicine Section of Dermatology meetings.

Full training in research methods and good clinical practice will be provided. Each ACF will have an academic supervisor. If the ACF also registers for a MSc by research, they will have a Thesis Advisory Panel (TAP), which usually comprises the supervisor and two other members of academic staff, one of whom acts as the Chair and is independent from the supervisor. The TAP provides academic support and external review of progress for the student. On appointment, in conjunction with their supervisor, the ACF will complete a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) and be able to access modules from the HYMS Post Graduate Training Selection list both to help with their research project and with their professional development as a researcher.

We anticipate the successful exit point for ACF trainees will be the award of an externally funded clinical research training fellowship to pursue a PhD or MD; prior to re-joining the academic career path as a Clinical Lecturer.

## Academic Clinical Fellowship Training Programme: Clinical Component

## The successful ACF will enter specialist training in Dermatology at ST3 level, which consists of a 4-year training programme. There are two different training sites in Yorkshire and Humber: The North, West and East Yorkshire training rotation offers 10 full time Speciality Registrar posts, mainly based in Leeds Teaching Hospitals at Chapel Allerton Hospital and St James’s University Hospital, with 1-1.5 years spent in a District General Hospital. The District General Hospitals in the scheme are York Health Care NHS Trust (1 post), Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (1 post), The Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust (1 post). The South Yorkshire Training programme offers 6 full time Speciality Registrar posts based in Sheffield with possible 6 month placements in Doncaster, Chesterfield, Rotherham and Barnsley. Both Training sites offer comprehensive training in general and sub-specialty dermatology.

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# Further Information

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, This post is exempted from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975.

Applicants are therefore, not entitled to withhold information about convictions, which for other purposes are “spent” under the provisions of the Act, and in the event of employment any failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the University. Any information given will be strictly confidential and will be considered only in relation to an application for positions to which the Order applies.

For further information about the Academic Clinical Fellowship programme, please refer to the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) Trainee Coordinating Centre (NIHRTCC) page on [NIHR Integrated Academic Training For Doctors and Dentists - Academic Clinical Fellowships](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-training-and-career-development/training-programmes/integrated-academic-training-programme/integrated-academic-training/academic-clinical-fellowships/)

# Appendix 1: Further particulars – Hull York Medical School

Hull York Medical School is committed to transforming the health of people within the region and beyond – through its students, staff and the impact of its teaching and research.

The joint medical school of the Universities of Hull and York, Hull York Medical School has a reputation as one of the UKs most exciting, contemporary schools. The School was established in 2003 – combining York’s strength in biological sciences and health sciences and Hull’s expertise in clinically applied health research and large clinical base. Since then, has been inspiring doctors and academic leaders of the future with the research, skills and knowledge they need to look at things differently and advance improvements in healthcare around the world.

Equality, diversity and inclusion are extremely important to the School, and in line with its values of everyone counts, pursuing excellence, socially responsible and collaborative, it is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment for staff and students. The School was awarded the Athena Swann Silver Award in 2019, has signed up to the UK Medical School’s Charter on So-Called ‘Conversion Therapy’ and the British Medical Association (BMA) racial harassment charter.

**Inspiring doctors and academic leaders of the future**

Hull York Medical School offers exceptional medical education delivered by senior academics and clinicians in a stimulating and supportive environment with world-class facilities.

Postgraduate research students benefit from a thriving research community and the opportunity to learn from world leading experts who are internationally recognised for their work.

Hull York Medical School facilities at Hull and York offer a stimulating environment in which to learn. The Allam Medical Building at the heart of the University of Hull’s £28million Health Campus is home to Hull York Medical School in Hull. Opened in 2017 by Her Majesty the Queen, the Allam Medical Building provides specialised teaching facilities including a simulated ward, operating theatre and intensive care nursing facilities, and provides opportunities for medical students to work alongside, nursing, midwifery and allied health undergraduates, as well as PhD students, advanced nurse practitioners and physician’s associates.

**A partnership for people who want to make a difference**

Academic and clinical researchers at Hull York Medical School have a strong reputation for their work. Their research is advancing improvements in healthcare – treatment, diagnosis and care – for some of the major global health challenges of today. At Hull, the School’s researchers are at the forefront of health research, from the early diagnosis of cancer, to reducing inequalities in access to treatment and improving the lives of those with life-limiting illnesses. This work is improving the health of people locally and impacting national and international health agendas. At York, the School’s researchers have a global reputation for their work. From scientific discoveries that underpin the development, diagnosis and treatment of the world’s most aggressive diseases, to mental health research which addresses the needs of a wider variety of patients and helps to identify, treat and support them, this work is casting new light and impacting public health globally.