

10 February 2012

To: All Specialist Registrars and Specialty Registrars at level 3 or above

Re: Specialist Training Post with Academic Training Opportunities

Queen's University Belfast in partnership with the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (Northern Ireland Postgraduate Deanery) and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust has developed a pathway of Clinical Academic Training opportunities in research and education. These posts have been created as part of Modernising Medical Careers/National Co-ordinating Centre for Research Capacity Programme of Integrated Academic Training. They offer candidates a comprehensive experience in clinical academic medicine alongside internationally recognised clinicians and researchers.

We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals wishing to excel in both clinical and academic training and who have the ambition to be the next generation of world leading academic clinicians. Applications are now invited for Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) and Academic Clinical Lecturers (ACL) at ST3 level or above within any discipline.

The ACF post is for 2 years and attracts NTN(a). During this period the ACF will complete training with an integrated period of 25% of whole time equivalent academic research training in the specialty to which they are appointed. They will prepare an application for an externally funded clinical research training fellowship to undertake a PhD.

Those appointed at ACL level will already have a postgraduate degree (PhD, MD) or be within three months of submission and will finish their clinical training while continuing academic development at post-doctoral level.

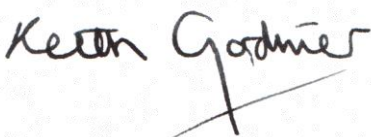
Trainees may enter at ST3 or above of the unified training grade. Core clinical competencies will be gained as necessary through access to the essential elements of the training curriculum. Clinical training offers a wide range of opportunities in programmes that have a strong track record in specialty training and academic activities.

For candidates who already have a PhD in a relevant field but are early in their training an individualised training plan may be possible.

For further information please contact Professor DF McAuley in the School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences at Queen's University (d.f.mcauley@qub.ac.uk).

Applicants should complete the application form stating the reasons for their preferred choice of discipline. This should be returned to Gillian Carlisle, NIMDTA, Beechill House, 42 Beechill Road, Belfast BT8 7RL by **5 pm on Friday 30 March 2012** or e-mail gillian.carlisle@nimdta.gov.uk detailing in the email subject line the post which you are applying to. **Interviews will take place on 17th May, 2012.**

Yours sincerely



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