



**Academic F2  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Research Training with Academic Training Opportunities**

**4 month rotation (one post)**

**OPHTHALMOLOGY**

**Lead Academic: Dr Michael A Williams**

## **Outline of the post**

### **Prior to starting the placement**

Following successful application, you are invited to visit the Ophthalmology Department at the earliest opportunity to discuss the forthcoming placement with Academic Clinical Supervisors. This will help with planning a suitable research project and academic experience.

### **Generic academic skills**

Undertaking an academic F2 placement will offer you insights into clinical academic medicine. This placement is designed to develop your knowledge, skills and aptitudes for academic medicine and to foster interest in a long-term clinical academic career.

### **Academic component**

On joining the Ophthalmology Department you will have an initial appraisal meeting to review your learning portfolio and agree the educational objectives for this F2 placement. You will receive feedback from your supervisor throughout the 4-month attachment with regular assessment to ensure academic competencies are achieved.

### **Research skills**

1. A research project will be undertaken in an area relevant to medical ophthalmology, for example on retinal vein occlusions, diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration or uveitis, or on ophthalmic manifestations in systemic disease. Examples of project types include analyses of clinical data on patient outcomes, mixed methods studies looking at communication (such as using 'Conversation Analysis'), patient satisfaction or understanding or examination of patients with systemic conditions to investigate ophthalmic manifestations. If possible, the research project could form the basis of an abstract to be submitted to a national or international meeting.
2. Research training: With guidance it is envisaged you will be able to complete a number of research project tasks (learn about the research governance issues relevant to clinical academic research; undertake a literature review; interrogate a database; collate results and practise scientific writing; present data in an abstract, as a poster and/or oral presentation).
3. Mentorship: You will have access to a clinical academic staff member (Dr Williams) who is available to provide longer-term advice and encouragement to help you pursue a career in academic medicine.

## Teaching skills

Ophthalmology has active undergraduate and postgraduate educational opportunities.

1. You be encouraged to participate in teaching of 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students as they rotate through ophthalmology, in providing tutorials and clinical teaching using teaching material already available. Opportunities for direct supervision by academic supervisors will allow feedback to improve your teaching confidence and competence.
2. Opportunities will also exist to present at weekly postgraduate class or monthly audit meetings to ophthalmologists, for example presenting cases of interest or short talks.

## Clinical component

There will be F2-level clinical feedback, appraisal and assessment as documented in the Foundation Programme Curriculum ([www.mmc.nhs.uk](http://www.mmc.nhs.uk)). You will have particular opportunities to expand your knowledge of management of acute and chronic ophthalmic diseases in outpatient settings where you will see new and review patients. This will provide numerous encounters suitable for recording F2 competencies in mini-CEX and CBD formats. Tuition will also be provided on appropriate construction of dictated letters to fellow health professional and patients (an important generic skill). There may be opportunities to attend surgical sessions, and you will have responsibilities to cover ward work at times. It will also be expected that you will be preparing for Part 1 of a postgraduate exam diet, such as MRCP, MRCS or MRCOphth during the Academic F2 year.

## Provisional job plans

Example Template

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>a.m.</b>	Weekly academic meeting: review of progress/plans	Retinal Vein Occlusion Clinic	Project work	Uveitis Clinic	Project work
<b>p.m.</b>	Eye Casualty	Project work	Project work	General out-patient clinic or ward cover or clinical trials-related work	Postgraduate Class

ACADEMIC TRAINING PATH



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Medical School	Foundation Programme	ST1, ST2, ST3	Specialist Training	Academic position
<p>MB</p> <p>Intercalated BSc, MPH, MRes</p> <p>MB/PhD</p> <p>Graduate Entry Training</p>	<p>Academic Foundation Year</p> <p>F1 F2</p>	<p>Core Medical Training</p>	<p><b>Academic Status</b></p> <p>Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF)   Academic Clinical Lectureship (ACL)</p> <p><b>Clinical Training</b> 1 2 3 4 5</p> <p><b>Personal Fellowship</b></p> <p>Training Fellowship 3 yrs</p> <p>Clinician Scientist Fellowship or Educational Training up to 4 yrs</p>	<p>Senior Lecturer</p> <p>Further specialty / sub-speciality training</p> <p>Senior Clinical Fellowship</p>

The timings of personal fellowships are indicative – there should be flexibility according to individual career progression

**Academic F2 :** Academic F2 training posts are for 4 months. This will be with two other rotations one of which will be a General Medicine attachment.

**ACF/ACL:** Trainees already appointed at ST3 or above are eligible to apply. Trainees who have undertaken postgraduate research (PhD or MD) should have already submitted their thesis, or be within three months of submission

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