

1 February 2021

**To: All Hospital Specialty Registrars at STR 3 or above**

**Re: Clinical Academic Training Programme at Queen's University**

Queen's University Belfast in partnership with the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (Northern Ireland Postgraduate Deanery) and the relevant Health and Social Care Trust provide Clinical Academic Training opportunities in research and education. These posts 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 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 in Northern Ireland. **General Practice trainees are encouraged to apply for the programme specific General Practice Academic Research Training Scheme (GPARTS) and are not eligible for ACF positions.**

The ACF post, normally for 2 years or upon conclusion of specialist training. This post attracts an NTN(a). During this period the ACF will participate in clinical training with 25% of their time to undertake research at QUB 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/MD.

The ACL post, normally for 3 years or until conclusion of specialist training. This post also attracts an NTN(a). Those appointed at ACL level will already have a postgraduate degree (PhD/MD) or be within six months of submission at time of appointment. They will finish their clinical training while continuing academic development at post-doctoral level with 50% research time at QUB.

Trainees should review the Job Description for the specific criteria. 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.

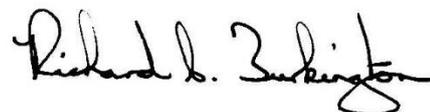
For further information please contact Professor Peter Maxwell in the School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences at Queen's University ([A.P.Maxwell@qub.ac.uk](mailto:A.P.Maxwell@qub.ac.uk)).

Applicants should complete the application form and return to ACF/ACL Recruitment, Education Management Team, NIMDTA, Beechill House, 42 Beechill Road, Belfast BT8 7RL by **4pm on Monday 1 March 2021** or e-mail [valuedtrainees@hscni.net](mailto:valuedtrainees@hscni.net) detailing in the email subject line the post which you are applying to. **Interviews will take place on Wednesday 14 April 2021.**

Yours sincerely



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