

15 March 2021

**To: Dental Specialty Trainees**

**Re: Clinical Academic Training**

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 provide Clinical Academic Training opportunities in research and education. These posts offer candidates a comprehensive experience in clinical academic dentistry 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 Lecturer (ACL) posts in Dentistry.

Applications for ACF posts are invited from existing Specialist Registrars in Dentistry. The ACF post is normally for 2 years. During this period it is expected that the ACF will participate in clinical 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. Trainees who already have research experience will be considered for ACF posts.

The ACL post is normally for 3 years. Those appointed at ACL level will be an existing Specialist Registrar in Dentistry who have completed a PhD or be within six months of submission at time of interview. 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 Mr Eiad Qudairat, Associate Postgraduate Dental Dean, NIMDTA, [eiad.qudairat@hscni.net](mailto:eiad.qudairat@hscni.net).

Applicants should complete the application form and return to ACF Recruitment, Dental Department, NIMDTA, Beechill House, 42 Beechill Road, Belfast, BT8 7RL by 4pm on **Monday 8 March 2021** or e-mail the application form to [dentalrec.nimmdta@hscni.net](mailto:dentalrec.nimmdta@hscni.net). Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 14 April 2021**.

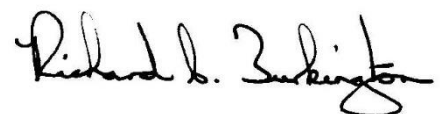
Yours sincerely



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