Clinical Research Fellow in NHSG Research & Development
School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

Closing date: 27 September 2020
Interview date: TBC
Reference number: IHS031R
Introduction

This post is designed for an individual wishing to gain experience in healthcare research and clinical trials as a first step towards clinical research. NHS Grampian supports about 60-70 commercially sponsored studies each year across a wide range of clinical specialities. We are looking for a medical doctor with sound generic clinical skills to support delegated medical duties in Covid 19 vaccine clinical trials and promote Good Clinical Practice.
Job description

Main purpose of the role:

CLINICAL DUTIES

Clinical responsibilities as research fellow will include clinical examination at screening and trial monitoring for patients participating in Covid 19 vaccine trials and other commercially sponsored studies. Experience will be gained in all aspects of study set-up and delivery as a member of a number of clinical research teams which will usually have a Medical consultant as PI and a research nurse. Additional support in research skills and mentoring will be provided by NHS Grampian R&D department and the University of Aberdeen.

You will be expected to work in core hours during the week. Out of hours duties are not anticipated unless there are exceptional circumstances. Patient visits may be scheduled for early morning or evening.

Training

There is an extensive training programme, in house, which covers all aspects of healthcare research for NHS staff. In addition you will participate in activities for the University of Aberdeen Medical School research fellows. You will be encouraged to go to relevant training courses.

Research

This post has been created to support the recruitment, delivery and completion of non-commercial and commercially sponsored studies and ensure compliance with Research Governance Framework. The post requires provision of clinical knowledge and skills which cannot be delegated to non-medical staff. There will be a session per week to develop your own research interest dependant on the scale of the Covid19 vaccine trials.

Key responsibilities:

Clinical Research Fellow

You will be involved in clinical procedures including:

- Review eligibility criteria to determine suitability for participation in studies
- Consenting of participants
- General medical examination
- Speciality specific clinical examination and procedures
- Review of laboratory results and sign off
- Data entry/Review of data in electronic Case Report Form (eCRF)
- Other duties (if delegated by Principal Investigator) such as sign off on prescriptions

At a glance

Salary: £34,978 - £41,552 per annum

Hours of work: Full-time

Contract type: Open ended, project limited available for 12 months
**Candidate background**

*Applicants should have completed Foundation Year training by the time of taking up this post and full GMC registration. A National Training Number is not available for this post.*

**Terms of appointment**

Salary will be at the appropriate point on the clinical academics below the level of consultant salary scale (£34,978 – £41,522 per annum) and negotiable with placement according to qualifications and experience.

As this post is externally funded by NHS it will be available for a period of one year. This appointment will be made subject to the usual terms and conditions of employment of the University.

Any appointment will be made subject to satisfactory references and a 12 month probation period.

It is the policy of the University, in line with the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003, to carry out Disclosure Scotland checks on all staff. Any offer of employment will be conditional on the completion of a satisfactory Disclosure Scotland check and employment will not commence until such a check has been satisfactorily completed.

For further information on various staff benefits and policies please visit [www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here)

This post does not meet the minimum requirements as issued by UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) to qualify for an employer-sponsored visa. We are therefore unable to consider applications from candidates for this post who require sponsorship to work in the UK.
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The University

Founded in 1495, Aberdeen is Scotland’s third oldest University and the fifth oldest in the UK. Ranked within the world top 140 in the recent QS global league table, Aberdeen is the ‘global University of the north’.

Aberdeen is a broad based, research intensive University, which puts students at the head of everything it does. It has significant academic strengths and potential across a wide variety of disciplines. Outstanding in a wide range of discipline areas across the entire research spectrum, Aberdeen has also been credited for its international reach and its commercialisation of research ideas into spin out companies.

The University has over 14,000 matriculated students and 3,600 staff representing 120 nationalities. We encourage bold thinking, creativity and innovation and we nurture ambition with many opportunities for professional and personal development in an inclusive learning environment which challenges, inspires and helps every individual to reach their full potential.

The University combines a distinguished heritage with a forward looking attitude. In the past few years, the University has encouraged creativity in its academic staff, broken new ground with an innovative curriculum, and developed state-of-the-art facilities including the new Sir Duncan Rice Library and the Aberdeen Sports Village and Aquatics Centre. In looking to the future, the University seeks to enhance its reputation as one of the world’s leading Universities by moving forward with ever more ground breaking research; ensuring students have an intellectual and social experience second to none; and capitalising upon the dual role as one of the major institutions of the north and as a cornerstone of regional economic and cultural life.
The School was expanded in 2015 to include all of the disciplines that underpin today’s medicine and biomedical sciences and these are organised into four Institutes, the Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), the Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS), the Rowett Institute and the Institute of Education in Medical and Dental Sciences (IEMDS) comprising all of our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and our own graduate entry Dental School. Information can be found at http://www.abdn.ac.uk/smmrn/index.php

We are fortunate that all of these institutes have their own buildings built in the last ten years in close proximity on the Foresterhill site, the largest single site medical complex in Europe, adjacent to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Maternity and Children’s hospitals. This allows close collaboration with clinical colleagues and a joined up approach, so that work in the laboratory can be developed for eventual patient benefit and, through health services projects, the effectiveness of the treatments and interventions can be measured.

The most recent building to open on the site is the Rowett Institute, occupied in March 2016, whose staff undertakes nutrition research to help improve people’s lives through the prevention of ill-health and disease. Their new £40M building has provided the University of Aberdeen with a facility with unique capabilities for human nutrition and metabolic research. Within the IMS, our scientists are working towards the creation of effective therapies for patients with a range of debilitating and life-threatening conditions. Current research areas include: arthritis and musculoskeletal medicine; cell developmental and cancer biology; immunity, infection and inflammation; metabolic and cardiovascular health; microbiology and translational neuroscience.

Within the IAHS, research is focussed on improving health and health care delivery. It is home to a multidisciplinary grouping of around 100 university academic staff who conduct population and clinically-orientated health research and hosts the Health Services Research Unit (HSRU) and Health Economics Research Unit (HERU), both funded by the Chief Scientist’s Office (CSO) of the Scottish Government.

As well as being the organisational home to the teaching scholarship staff and responsible for oversight of the UG and PGT programmes offered by the School, the IEMDS promotes and supports excellence in medical education through research and development, with a focus on conceptually and theoretically robust research and development which has strong potential for reaching international recognition.

We also have a number of specialist Centres, most notably the Medical Research Council Centre for Medical Mycology, led by Professor Gordon Brown, which is a world-leading centre tackling the global death toll from fungal disease.
The city and the region

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

Aberdeen is world renowned as the oil capital of Europe and the region is both the agricultural heartland of Scotland and a hub of the food and drink industry.

With the population approaching 230,000, Aberdeen is big enough to provide all the advantages of city life, yet compact enough to enjoy the more intimate atmosphere usually associated with small towns.

Aberdeenshire is one of Scotland’s most appealing regions. Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park are within easy access of the city, and there are a variety of towns and villages scattered along the coastline.

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire cater for a wide range of tastes in sporting and cultural activities.

To find out more about Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire go to www.VisitScotland.com

How to apply

Online application forms are available at www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs

The closing date for receipt of applications is 27 September 2020

Should you wish to make an informal enquiry please contact
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Please quote reference number IHS031R on all correspondence

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