

Sponsored Clinical Academic Internship programme for

Non-Medical Professionals

Introduction

Health Education England East of England office in collaboration with West Midlands is offering the first step in research training for health professionals currently working within the NHS in East of England. The internship programme is aimed at practitioners who have an interest in pursuing a clinical academic career within the NHS.

Health Education England is committed to developing clinical academic careers for all professionals working within the health economy. HEE has the responsibility to promote the government's strategy 'Developing the Role of the Clinical Academic Researcher in the Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions' (March 2012)'.

The internship programme is designed for aspiring non-medical clinical academics who want to develop a health related research component to their career. The programme will assist interns to acquire pre-master's level experience and knowledge in clinical academic research with the support of an expert supervisor. Normally the next step would be to make application for a Masters in Research.

Who should apply and eligibility criteria

The application process is open to the following non-medical health care professionals;

- ✓ Healthcare Science Professions
- ✓ Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors
- ✓ Allied Health Professionals
- ✓ Dental Hygienists, Dental Nurses and Dental Therapists
- ✓ Operating Department Practitioners
- ✓ Clinical Psychologists
- ✓ Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

To view all the professions eligible to apply follow the link below

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/documents/ICA/TCC-ICA-Eligible-Professions-and-Registration-Bodies.pdf>

The internship programme is a specialist education programme, targeted at individuals who can demonstrate relevant experience of working in the NHS within the East of England.

Eligibility for the programme requires that applicants must:

- ✓ Be a member of one of the professions listed above
- ✓ Be employed within the NHS East of England
- ✓ Be nominated by their Director of Nursing/AHP Lead
- ✓ Have an honours degree or higher level award
- ✓ Be currently active in clinical practice, or applied clinical research demonstrating that a significant part of their role involves direct contact with service users/patients, which may include service development
- ✓ Not be enrolled or engaged in another course or programme of study during the internship period
- ✓ Provide evidence of commitment to study and to furthering clinical academic careers

Programme offer

- ✓ The Clinical Academic Internship Programme consists of a commitment of 30 days over a six-month period commencing October 2017.
- ✓ A structured taught programme (approx. 12 days) enabling interns to develop research skills.
- ✓ Independent study time to complete programme work
- ✓ Optional funding to undertake a Masters in Research module
- ✓ 1-1 Academic Supervision - Opportunities to work alongside and be supervised by clinical research leaders and role models
- ✓ Single payment grant of £7,500 for associated costs to sponsoring employer
- ✓ Full sponsorship of the academic components of the programme

Programme aims for interns

- ✓ To provide an essential overview of the practical aspects involved when undertaking their own research
- ✓ The acquisition of confidence and commitment to disseminating excellence in applied research with the aim of becoming a research champion
- ✓ To motivate interns to consider a future clinical academic career, by enrolling on to a Masters in Research programme.

To view the detail of the programme follow the link below:

<http://www.birminghamhealthpartners.co.uk/clinical-academic-internship-programme/structure/>

The Internship Programme

The internship programme will run over a six month period from October 2017. Interns will be required to identify a research project (in association with their employer) that demonstrates clear potential for benefiting patients / service users and the public which accords with at least one of the key themes included in the HEE mandate (2016) or the HEEoE transformation priorities. I.e. NHS Values, Emergency care, Primary care and Dementia.

The programme will include:

- ✓ A taught programme which includes group tutorials on:
- ✓ Developing a research question
- ✓ Critical appraisal, literature review
- ✓ Applying research methodology to a health care setting
- ✓ Ethics and research governance
- ✓ Research funding and finance
- ✓ Optional funding to undertake a Masters in Research module
- ✓ Development of a literature review with an associated research question with the support of an academic supervisor

On completion of the programme, each intern will be expected to have a clear written plan about the next steps they will take to apply for formal academic training and the support they will require. Normally the next step would be to make application for a Masters in Research.

Applicants will be required to develop a literature review with an associated research question which has been assessed by their designated Clinical Academic Supervisor.

A formal presentation day will be arranged at the end of the programme for the interns to present their research and celebrate their success to invited guests, including their line managers and representatives from HEE.

Taught Programme Dates	
Dates	Venue
Total of 12 taught days commencing in October 2017 dates and running over the six months to be confirmed	University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust campus

How to apply

To apply, you will need to submit your application to Hayley.peacock@hee.nhs.uk by **Midday Monday 17th July 2017** including:

- 1) *HEE Clinical Academic Internship Programme application form*
- 2) *Research Proposal 700-1200 word outline for an evidenced-based clinical or change management project which could be implemented in practice*
- 3) *Supporting statement for your organisation’s Executive lead for Education/Innovation*

Supporting statement from your organisation’s executive lead for education/ research and innovation lead should include:

- ✓ Statement of suitability for the candidate to commit to completing the programme
- ✓ Ability to undertake the study and formally present the report
- ✓ Suitability of proposed study area linked to organisational and HEE priorities

Submission Guidance	
Deadline for Submission	Midday Monday 17 th July 2017
Please submit your completed application form to	Hayley.peacock@hee.nhs.uk
Please ensure you save a copy of your email reply indicating your application form has been received	

Offer notifications
<p>Submissions will be considered by members of the interview panel .Applicants will receive feedback of the outcome of their submission by Friday 21st July 2017</p> <p>Interviews will be held on Thursday 3rd August 2017 (if you are on annual leave at this time please note this on your application form. If you are shortlisted we will work to accommodate this if possible) Venue : Health Education England -east of England office , Victoria House, Fulbourn, Cambridge</p> <p>Email offers will be made to successful applicants by Wednesday 9th August 2017 with an invitation to attend a local programme induction session in Victoria House, Fulbourn, Cambridge date to be confirmed.</p>
<p>Key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monday 17th July at 12.00 midday - Closing date for applications ✓ Thursday 3rd August 2017 Interviews ✓ October 2017 Local Programme Induction day

For further information on academic careers, please click on the link below:

<http://hee.nhs.uk/work-programmes/clinical-academic-careers/internships/>

Contact us:

If you have any questions about the Internship programme please email your enquiry to:

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If you have any questions about how to apply please email your enquiry to: hayley.peacock@hee.nhs.uk