



Call for Applications for Research Training with Academic Training Opportunities

Academic F2 JOB DESCRIPTION

4 month rotation (one post)



Psychiatry

Lead Academic: Dr FA O'Neill

Outline of the post

Prior to starting the placement

Following successful application, you are invited Dept. of Psychiatry/ Centre for Public Health to discuss clinical and research opportunities. This will help with planning a suitable research project and academic exposure.

Generic academic skills

By undertaking an academic F2 placement you will gain insights into clinical academic medicine through regular interactions with the Academic Clinical Supervisors, University scientific staff and postgraduate research students. 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.

During the 4 month placement

Academic component

On joining the Dept. of Psychiatry 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 can be chosen in one of a number of topics relevant to Psychiatry/Mental Health.
2. These include areas such as epidemiology of schizophrenia and substance misuse, molecular genetics of schizophrenia.
3. If possible, the research project could form the basis of an abstract to be submitted to a national meeting
4. 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 biochemical and/or genetic results; practise scientific writing; presentation of data in an abstract, as a poster and/or oral presentation).
5. To assist in this we have planned for academic F2 doctors to visit the associated laboratories and research areas with links (specifically molecular genetics, and epidemiology). There would also be the opportunity to work with psychology and sociology within Queens depending on research project.
6. There will also be the option for you to collaborate with some of our partners nationally and internationally, such as Virginia Commonwealth University and the Institute of Psychiatry in London.
7. Mentorship: You will have access to experienced clinical academic staff (Dr O'Neill, Dr Mulholland) who are available to provide longer term advice and encouragement to help you pursue a career in academic medicine
8. We would also expect you to engage with the wider psychiatric community within Northern Ireland.

Teaching skills

Psychiatry has active undergraduate and postgraduate educational opportunities.

1. You will be encouraged to participate in the undergraduate teaching of fourth year medical students (seminar and ward-based clinical teaching). This teaching will be directly observed by your academic supervisors with multiple opportunities for feedback to improve your confidence and competence.
2. Formal postgraduate education includes weekly case-based learning, research and clinical governance sessions held in the Belfast Trust Academic Meeting.

Clinical component

There will be F2-level clinical feedback, appraisal and assessment as documented in the Foundation Programme Curriculum (www.mmc.nhs.uk). You will have particular opportunities to expand your knowledge of management of chronic diseases in an outpatient setting with attendance at a weekly teaching clinic where you will be expected to see new patients and some review patients.

This will provide numerous encounters suitable for recording F2 competencies in mini-CEX and CBL formats. Tuition will also be provided on appropriate construction of dictated letters to fellow health professional and patients (an important generic skill). You will be invited to enrol in the Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health at QUB.

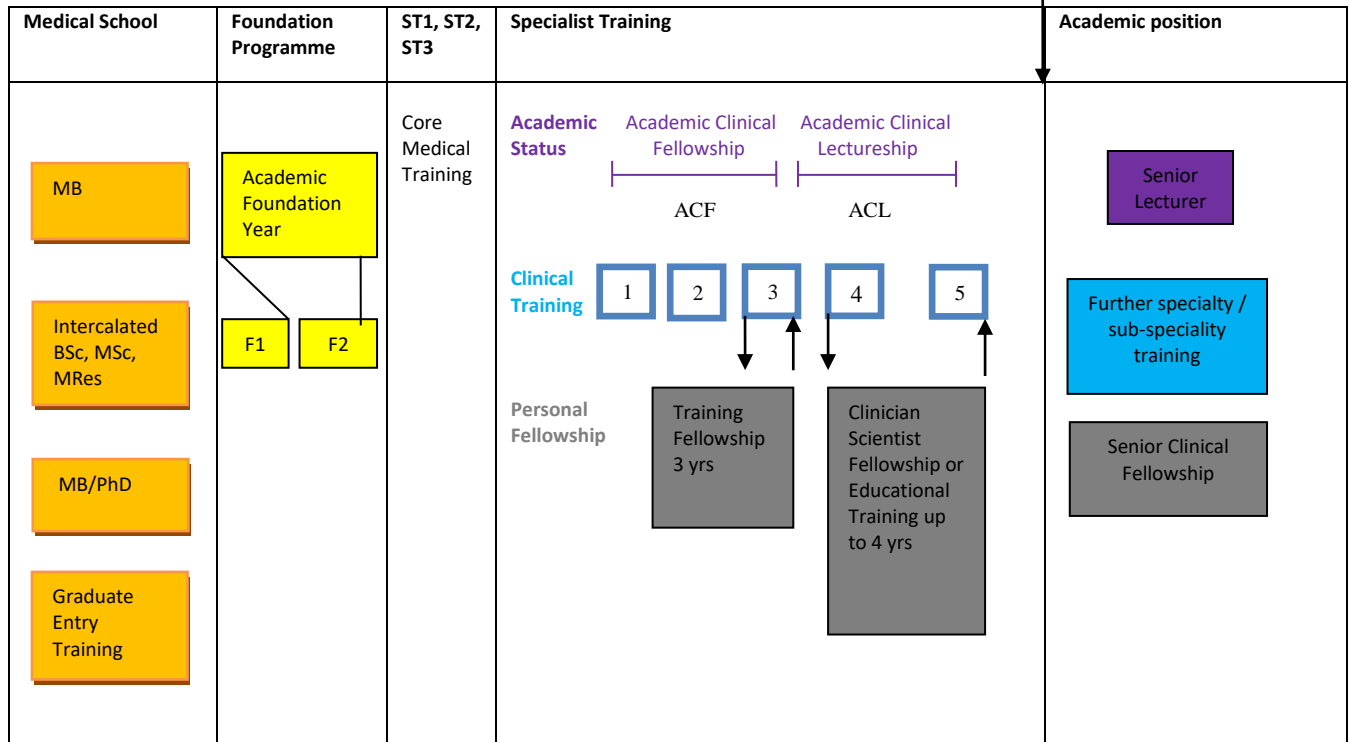
Provisional job plan

This job plan has been designed to introduce the successful candidate to major areas of clinical and academic psychiatry.

There will be a dedicated desk and personal computer for use in the unit and appropriate secretarial support. There will be opportunities for remote working. Training in library and journal access will be provided in addition to the clinical training on the relevant hospital IT systems pertinent to psychiatry practice.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Research project work	Research Project	Research project work	Teaching	Supervision
PM	Working with resettlement team	community visits	DMH teaching	CPD for foundation doctors	Trust Academic Meeting
				Reading	Research Project

ACADEMIC TRAINING PATH CCT



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

F2 Programme:

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 apply for ST3 or already appointed at ST3 or above. Trainees can apply for an ACF or ACL post depending on their stage of training. Trainees who have undertaken postgraduate research (PhD or MD) can apply for entry at ACL. Trainees should have already submitted their thesis, or be within 3 months of submission.