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Support for clinical researchers

Clinical researchers provide a link between scientific research and clinical practice, helping to get treatments to patients sooner, and make sure that clinical knowledge is fed back to the lab.

Clinical Academic Forum

The Clinical Academic Forum is a network open to all clinical researchers with particular usefulness for Academic Clinical Fellows, Clinical Fellows, PhDs, MD(Res), Clinical Lecturers and equivalents. It aims to bring RM and ICR clinical researchers together to hear from others at different career stages, share challenges and learn about the support available to this important group of researchers

The Forum provides quarterly meetings and is facilitated by senior clinical academics with support from the BRC.

Register [here](#) [8] for any of the upcoming dates:?

- 11 September 2019
- 02 December 2019

Clinical Academic Career Development Programme

This programme provides well-received support for clinician researchers throughout training, focussing upon our early career clinical researchers. This year, sessions included: writing and publishing a research paper, accessing library resources, CRUK grant writing, research proposals, managing your research project, managing dual careers, information for clinicians on applying for an ICR PhD or MD(Res).

Watch this space for news about the new programme which will commence September 2019.

Support for Integrated Academic Trainees (IATs)

The NIHR Academy offers three awards through the Integrated Academic Training (IAT) Programme for doctors.

- [Academic Clinical Fellowship](#) ^[9] (ACF)
- [Clinical Lectureship](#) ^[10] (CL)
- [In-Practice Fellowship](#) ^[11] (IPF)

Contact information for the NIHR IAT Leads at each partnership can be found [here](#) ^[12].

More information can be found on the [NIHR website](#) ^[13].

Nurses, midwives and allied health professionals should reference the [HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Programme page](#) ^[14]. ^[15]

Undertaking a MD(Res) or PhD

The ICR offers various [funding opportunities for clinical practitioners](#) ^[16] who wish to carry out a research project.

The ICR offers PhD programmes to applicants eligible for full registration or who hold limited registration with the General Medical Council. These three-year fellowships are intended to develop the applicant's potential to pursue a career as an academic clinician.

The MD(Res) is a two-year (or part-time equivalent) research programme specifically designed for clinically-qualified trainees. These provide clinical specialists the opportunity to work in a unique multidisciplinary environment alongside world leaders in cancer research and clinicians from The Royal Marsden.

You may find it useful to familiarise yourself with the research groups and projects going on at the ICR, and to start identifying team leaders you might want to approach for your MD(Res) or PhD project.

The ICR website lists all [research team leaders](#) ^[17] and is a good place to start: Posts are advertised throughout the year, for further information about opportunities at the ICR email registry@icr.ac.uk ^[18]

Interested in applying for a PhD or MD(Res)?

We run regular drop-in sessions for any clinicians interested in applying for a PhD or MD(Res). Representatives from ICR Academic Services and the RM/ICR Biomedical Research Centre will be available to answer questions about applying for a PhD or MD(Res),

including information about the ICR CRUK-Wellcome PhD programme and applying for external fellowship funding, for example the MRC and NIHR fellowship schemes.

Imperial Academic Health Science Centre

We are part of the [Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre \(AHSC\)](#) [19]. The AHSC is a partnership between Imperial College London (ICL), Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (ICHT), Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust (RBHT) and The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust (RM) and aims to utilise excellence in research and education to transform health outcomes. To see resources and events for clinical researchers visit the [Imperial CATO website](#) [20] or [RBHT website](#) [21].

An [interactive chart](#) [22] on the CATO website summarises the support and activities available across the AHSC partners.

Travel bursaries

The **Patricia McGregor Travel Fellowships Fund**, set up in memory of Patricia McGregor, provides travel and attendance costs for Royal Marsden staff to attend and present their research at national and international oncology-related medical conferences.

Applications are only open to Royal Marsden employees and are specifically for junior researchers including junior medical staff (below consultant level), nursing staff and allied health professionals.

To apply, please download the [application form](#) [23] and [guidance](#) [24]. Completed applications should be submitted to cancerbrc@rmh.nhs.uk [25] at least 30 days before the conference start date.

Career Mentoring

The BRC Clinical Academic Careers Mentoring Scheme is a joint ICR-RM initiative, which seeks to support the academic career progression of clinicians. The need for career mentoring for clinical researchers has been identified via the ICR's staff survey and in feedback from recent clinical academic career initiatives. This scheme is open to any clinicians considering the next steps in their research career

The aims of this mentoring scheme over a 6-12-month period are to:

- Provide support and guidance with career progression, including transitioning between academia and clinical training within ICR and RM.
- Provide a perspective from a more senior colleague on balancing the multiple demands, including academic and clinical careers and, where relevant, family/carer responsibilities

Mentee/mentor matching takes place in September of each year.

Feedback from previous participants indicated they would recommend the Scheme to other clinical academics and the majority planned to continue meeting with their mentor beyond the initial 12 month period.

?It was a great source of knowledge from a different research background giving new suggestions and ideas?

If you would like to join the Mentoring Scheme, please contact [Sarah Jugurnauth-Little](#) ^[26] (ICR Researcher Development Co-ordinator) or [Digby Ingle](#) ^[27] (BRC Training and Education Manager) to express your interest.

Resources for Clinical Researchers ^[28]

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[8] <https://training.icr.ac.uk/coursed.php?course=706>

[9] <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/our-research-community/NIHR-academy/nihr-training-programmes/integrated-academic-training-programme/academic-clinical-fellowship-acf.htm>

[10] <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/our-research-community/NIHR-academy/nihr-training-programmes/integrated-academic-training-programme/clinical-lectureship-cl.htm>

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[12] <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/iat-leads/20228>

[13] <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/academy-programmes/integrated-academic-training.htm>

[14] <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/our-research-community/NIHR-academy/nihr-training-programmes/nihr-hee-ica-programme/>

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[16] <http://www.icr.ac.uk/studying-at-the-icr/opportunities-for-clinicians>

[17] <http://www.icr.ac.uk/our-research/researchers-and-teams>

[18] <mailto:registry@icr.ac.uk>

[19] <http://www.ahsc.org.uk/>

[20] <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/study/clinical-academic-training-office/>

[21] <http://www.rbht.nhs.uk/research/for-researchers/research-training-and-staff-forums/>

[22] <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/medicine/study/postgraduate/cato/CATO-AHSC-training-timeline.pdf>

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[24] [https://www.cancerbrc.org/sites/default/files/files_brc/file-](https://www.cancerbrc.org/sites/default/files/files_brc/file-attachments/Guidelines%20for%20Applicants%20-%20Patricia%20McGregor%20Travel%20Fellowships%20Fund%20-%20DW%20new%20V1_0.pdf)

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