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Resources for clinical researchers

In addition to the academic and educational support provided through a researcher's supervisory team, there are a number of other sources of support available:

Clinical Research Fellows Newsletter

Find out more about the latest news, events and career development opportunities for clinical research fellows in our quarterly newsletters.

[Clinical Research Fellows Newsletter - Summer 2019](#) [8]

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The ICR funding alert

Register now for the ICR's **monthly funding alert** to find out about:

- All available funding opportunities from funding bodies such as the MRC, CRUK and the NIHR
- Fellowships
- Travel bursaries
- Equipment grants.

Please email barbara.skene@icr.ac.uk ^[10] to be added to the mailing list.

Clinical researcher career guidance

How to apply for grants

Professor Johann de Bono's [presentation for clinical academics](#) ^[11] on the subject of being awarded grants

MRC Interactive Career Framework

The framework gives information on possible options for careers and funding in biomedical research within academia and/or industry

[Find out more](#) ^[12]

The Vitae Researcher Development Framework

Structured into four domains covering the knowledge abilities, personal effectiveness, research governance and engagement, influence and impact behaviours.

Helpful literature and data

- [2017 UK-wide Survey of Clinical and Health Research Fellowships](#) ^[13]
- [A Cross-Funder Review of Early-Career Clinical Academics: Enablers and Barriers to Progression](#), ^[14] November 2015
- [Clough S, Harris-Joseph H, Fenton J et al. What impact has the NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship \(ACF\) scheme had on clinical academic careers in England over the last 10 years?: A retrospective study.](#) ^[15] *BMJ Open* 2017. 7:e015722. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2016-015722
- [Ten Years On: Adapting and Evolving to New Challenges in Developing Tomorrow's Health Research Leaders.](#) ^[16] July 2017
- [UK clinical academic training in medicine and dentistry: principles and obligations](#) ^[17]
- [Survey of Medical Clinical Academic Staffing Levels 2017](#) ^[18]

Other Resources

- [Competencies Framework for CRUK Fellowships](#) ^[19] CRUK (March, 2019).
- [Presentation for clinical academics](#) ^[11] from Prof Johann de Bono, RM/ICR BRC Lead for Novel Cancer Therapeutics, on the subject of getting grants.
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- [SE Acton et al \(March 2019\) The life of P.I. Transitions to Independence in Academia:](#) ^[20] The data in this report summarises the responses gathered from 365 principal investigators of academic laboratories, who started their independent positions in the UK within the last 6 years up to 2018.
- [HEE Clinical Academic Careers Framework](#) ^[21]: A framework for optimising clinical academic careers across healthcare professions (Feb 2018)
- [RCP \(2019\) Flexible Portfolio Training Pathway ? Research](#) ^[21]

- Standard Protocol Items: Recommendations for Interventional Trials (SPIRIT) Statement [22]- evidence-based recommendations for the minimum content of a clinical trial protocol and is widely endorsed as an international standard for trial protocols.
- Follow the ICR Research Support team on twitter - @ICR_HEPReS [23]

Useful Contacts

Supervisory team - Feedback, coaching, inspiration, contacts

Academic Dean's team e.g. senior tutors - Student welfare and academic progress

Colleagues - Technical support, peer mentoring

Student Committee - Internal networks, peer support, socials. Clinical Research Fellow reps Niamh Coleman, Amanda Fitzpatrick, Saira Khalique and Neha Chopra

Academy of Medical Sciences - Careers support workshops and meetings, networks, well-established fellows mentoring scheme [24]

The Careers Group, University of London - Impartial, expert careers coaching; contact training@icr.ac.uk [25] for details

Professional bodies: EACR [26], BACR [27], the Biochemical Society [28] - Careers support, networks, job opportunities, some have mentoring schemes.

ICR Employee Support programme [29] - Financial, legal, medical and other types of advice, including access to counsellors

Funders e.g. Cancer Research UK, NIHR, MRC, Wellcome Trust - Run regular career development programmes for researchers they fund.

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