

Message from the Director

We live in exciting but challenging times for clinical academia. Never before have we had such a range of technological approaches to the study of human disease or such great opportunities for inter-disciplinary interactions, but the funding environment is probably less good than it has been for several decades. In these circumstances we must return to our core values and concentrate on picking significant but tractable problems to investigate and applying excellence wherever we can.

Clinical academia comes in many shapes and sizes with varying synergies between the pure science and the clinical ends of the spectrum – to move healthcare forwards both need to flourish. We are fortunate in Oxford in being part of a world leading University with strengths right across this range. An important role of the Clinical Academic Graduate School is to link this depth and breadth of experience to the enthusiasm, energy and intelligence of the next generation of clinician scientists, using the experience present locally to provide the best possible mentorship. In this way we hope to support not only individuals but also the entire synergistic environment from which we all benefit.

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Research, Education and Training Working Group

Management Training Opportunities

The Management Training Scholarship Scheme provides access to outstanding opportunities that will enhance research performance, leadership and management.

- Diploma in Organisational Leadership
- Diploma in Financial Strategy
- Diploma in Strategy & Innovation
- The Executive MBA

For further information on availability & eligibility please email management.education@ouh.nhs.uk

Training Bursaries for Research Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals

The NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre and Thames Valley Comprehensive Local Research Network are making funds available to support the training and career development of Research Nurses, Midwives, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), other professions engaged in research, and clinical trials administrators. Funding can be used for a short course or modules which will provide training and expertise in research skills or research management.

For further information on availability & eligibility please email retg@medsci.ox.ac.uk

The Oxford Biomedical Research Centre is based at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust and run in partnership with the University of Oxford. It is funded by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR).



Oxford University Clinical Academic School (OUCAGS) was founded in partnership with the Oxford Deanery and NHS Education South Central (NESC), and continues as a partnership between the University, Deanery and Local Education and Training Board (LETB), with strong links to the Oxford NIHR Biomedical Research Centre. We aim to support and strengthen clinical academic training and to provide an infrastructure for Oxford's Academic Foundation doctors, ACFs, Clinical Research Fellows and Clinical Lecturers, which explicitly values and protects the development of academic excellence.



OUCAGS provides seminars, an accredited programme of research training, offers overseas academic and clinical placements, and assists in identifying funding opportunities. We also support development of clinical competencies by close liaison with clinical supervisors to ensure our academic doctors achieve at a consistently high level, so delivering the greatest benefit to their patients.

Academic Foundation Programme

The aim of the academic foundation programme is to combine clinical training with the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in research.

- Access to University resources
- Access to seminars
- Funding for research projects

Academic Clinical Fellowships

The primary purpose of an ACF is to provide a clinical and academic training environment for a doctor in the early stages of specialty training to prepare an application for a Training Fellowship leading to a PhD (or equivalent) or if applicable a postdoctoral fellowship.

- Networking
- Seminars (information and organisation)
- Effective research skills
- Written grant applications and grant interviews
- Research specific topics
- Individual and group support
- Access to University resources, e.g. University cards
- Funding for overseas placements for academic time
- Funding for research projects and travel
- Information on funding sources
- All Oxford ACFs have **free access** to a taught, accredited research training programme (below)

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Research

Encompasses 3 modules leading to a Postgraduate Certificate

1. The Practice of Evidence-Based Healthcare
2. Introduction to Study Design and Research Methods
3. Ethics in Bioscience and Good Clinical Practice

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research

In addition to the three Certificate modules a further three modules can be selected from a varied syllabus to complete the postgraduate Diploma. Available modules include:

- Clinical Trial Management
- Ethics for Bioscience
- Mixed Methods in Health Research

Clinical DPhils/PhDs

A Clinical DPhil/PhD is an important step in pursuing a career in Academic Medicine. During a DPhil/PhD, in addition to their own research the clinician will use key analytical skills, critically appraise published data and develop a wider appreciation of their field of interest. It is necessary to complete a DPhil/PhD in order to progress in Academia.

- Access to University resources
- Access to seminars
- Information on funding sources
- Support for applications and interviews

Clinical Lecturers

Clinical Lectureships represent the second substantive phase of integrated clinical and academic training, which is intended to follow on from the Academic Clinical Fellowship phase. Clinical Lectureships are intended for those who can demonstrate outstanding potential through success at doctoral research and who show further potential for development as a clinical academic in research and/or education.

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- Funding for research projects

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