# Candidate Information

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| **Position:** | Clinical Trials Fellowship - Experimental Cancer Medicine |
| **School/Department:** | Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research |
| **Reference:** | 20/108355 |
| **Closing Date:** | Wednesday 14 October 2020 |
| **Salary:** | £31,997 to £50,312 per annum. |
| **Anticipated Interview Date:** | Tuesday 27 October 2020 |
| **Duration:** | This post is available until 31 August 2021 |

**Job Purpose:**

This is a fixed-term twelve month Clinical Fellow post within the colorectal and early phase clinical trials teams at Queen's University Belfast (QUB)/Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to support the early phase clinical trial service and develop translational and clinical trials. The post will combine outpatient clinics, limited inpatient duties and clinical and translational research commitments. The focus of the role will be research (clinical/translational/scientific depending on post-holder's experience and needs) and clinical service will mainly relate to follow up on treatment-related complications. Clinical supervision will be provided by the consultants within these teams, and the Fellow will be a valued member of the multidisciplinary team.

**MAJOR DUTIES**

**Clinical responsibilities:**

1. To contribute to the delivery of a high quality clinical service (under consultant supervision). The clinical responsibilities will be for patients with colorectal cancer and those referred or receiving treatment as part of a clinical trial. This includes outpatient clinics, inpatient care (limited duties), systemic anti-cancer therapy clinics and team meetings. There is no on-call commitment with this post.
2. To gain experience in the management of patients with a range of cancers including management of treatment-related complications.
3. To work effectively as part of the multidisciplinary team including supervision of foundation/core medical trainees.
4. To contribute to clinical governance processes including working with other specialty trainees to lead and deliver service evaluation and quality improvement projects.

**Research responsibilities:**

1. To contribute to the research activities of relevant groups in QUB and BHSCT to gain experience in translational and clinical research and develop research output for presentation and publication.
2. To gain experience in screening, obtaining informed consent and assessing and managing adverse events in clinical trial patients.
3. To contribute to trial set-up activities including assessment of local capacity and capability.
4. To gain experience in regulatory approval, pharmacovigilance and trial oversight processes.
5. To develop skills in translational and clinical trial protocol development and academic writing.
6. The balance of clinical and other research activities will depend on the post-holder's previous experience and research interests.

**Other responsibilities:**

1. To contribute to teaching and educational activities commensurate with those undertaken by specialty trainees.
2. To develop collaborative relationships with colleagues in non-clinical disciplines including basic scientific and translational researchers.
3. To liaise with team members to facilitate timely collection and transfer of patient samples.
4. To develop and maintain full written and electronic records.
5. To collaborate with patient and public representatives in development of research proposals.
6. To prioritise and manage workload, reporting to supervising consultants and investigators.
7. To maintain training records and attendance at mandatory training sessions as per organisational policy.

8. To perform clinical and research activities in accordance with relevant organisational policies and legislation including Good Clinical Practice and the Data Protection Act.
9. To comply with the University and Trust principles and values.

**Planning and Organising:**

1. Plan for the use of research resources as appropriate.
2. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
3. Plan to meet deadlines for ethics applications, journal publications and to prepare presentations and papers for conferences.
4. Coordinate and liaise with other members of the collaborative research group regarding work progress.

**Resource Management Responsibilities:**

1. Manage own research, clinical and administrative demands under general supervision.
2. Ensure research resources are used in an effective and efficient manner.
3. Monitor and ensure effective management of assets and budgets allocated as part of the role.
4. Participate in judgements regarding the use of resources within their research project/school.
5. Provide guidance as required to support staff and any PDRF, PhD student or technical staff who may be assisting with the research.

Internal and External Relationships:

1. Liaise on a regular basis with colleagues and fellow researchers.
2. Build internal contacts and participate in internal networks for the exchange of information and to form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Join, participate in and develop external networks to share information and ideas, and to identify sources of funding, generate income, obtain consultancy projects, or build relationships for future activities.
4. Contribute to QUB's outreach programme by establishing links with local community groups etc.

**Essential Criteria:**

1. MBBS or equivalent
2. Successful completion of relevant College/Faculty Membership examination at time of application.
3. Full (or eligible for full) GMC registration (must be obtained within 6 months of interview date).
4. Completion of CMT2 or equivalent training and be at any stage of training in medical or clinical oncology.
5. Broad-based knowledge of general medicine.
6. Experience in medical or clinical oncology to include some understanding of management of common cancers and treatment modalities.
7. Experience of clinical audit or quality improvement.
8. Excellent organisational skills.
9. Good computer literacy/IT skills.
10. Good presentation and written communication skills.
11. Good verbal communication skills.
12. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
13. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
14. Ability to prioritise/schedule activities and to work without supervision where appropriate.
15. Self-motivated and demonstrates drive for high quality standards.
16. Good team working skills.
17. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
18. Appointment to this post is subject to the successful candidate's Enhanced Criminal Record Check.
19. Ability to travel to present data or liaise with collaborators.

**Desirable Criteria:**

1. Demonstrable competency in SACT prescription.
2. Experience in the use of electronic prescribing systems.
3. Clinical Research Experience.
4. Evidence of peer reviewed presentation and/or publication.
5. Experience of university level teaching and positive evaluation.
6. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.

7. Clarity of thinking and ability to address a variety of research topics.