

ACADEMIC CLINICAL LECTURER JOB DESCRIPTION

Post Title	NIHR Clinical Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Response Mode post
Organisation Advertising	College of Medicine and Health
Full Time/Part Time	Full Time
Duration of post	Maximum of 4 years or obtaining CCT, whichever is sooner. There will be 50% time protected for research throughout the programme.
Post is open to:	Internal and External Candidates
Grade/Level	Clinical. Must hold a current NTN (ST3 or above). Must have a higher research degree (PhD, MD or equivalent); All candidates must have submitted their final thesis to be eligible to apply and must have been fully awarded their higher degree in order to be able to take up the post by 1 Sept 2026.
Terms and Conditions	Clinical

Lead NHS Hospital/Trust in which training will take place
Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust (Women's Campus) or Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS trust for trainees pursuing gynaecological cancer research
Research institutions in which training will take place
Department of Metabolism and Systems Science / Department of Cancer and Genomic Sciences/ Department of Applied Health Research, College of Medicine and Health, University of Birmingham
What arrangement of day release or block release will be used for protected research time?
The successful candidate will spend 50% of the working week as a specialist trainee in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the other 50% as a Clinical Lecturer for the University of Birmingham.
Description of research component of programme:
The primary objective is to facilitate clinicians who will go on to become future academic leaders in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Highly motivated and capable trainees will be selected and an internationally leading academic faculty will provide high quality training. The academic work of the ACL in Obstetrics and Gynaecology will be based at the University of Birmingham. The opportunities involve engagement in research in maternal and perinatal health, reproductive health, cancer research and global health. The O and G research provides opportunities for working with big data at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Women's

Health and Tommy's Centre for Miscarriage, along with fetal medicine and gynaecology. The University has a large and expansive portfolio of Cancer research with a diverse range of expertise including basic cell and structural biology, genomics, virology, immunology, bioinformatics, medical oncology, radiotherapy and statistics.

Opportunities are available to work in following areas of research

- Preterm birth
- Maternal health
- Early pregnancy and Reproductive medicine
- Gynaecology – endometriosis, adolescent gynaecology, reproductive endocrinology
- Gynaecological Cancer portfolio
- Global Health

Strengths of GMC Programmes

The ACL post would be based in obstetrics and gynaecology; a specialty with an established track record of successfully supporting academic trainees. The post is based at Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust or Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals, within Birmingham Health Partners, and trainees regularly cite the quality of experience offered and the benefits of working with research active clinicians. Recognised experts that cover all sub-specialties provide clinical support to trainees. The West Midlands clinical specialty training schemes are committed to the development of excellent clinical academics and all specialty Training Programme Directors support this application. The successful candidate's clinical training will be monitored by the TPD (O+G) and NHS England WM Associate Dean for Academia ensuring provision of a comprehensive spread of clinical experience to achieve all required competencies. Academic training will be protected (50% time) and delivered in blocks of weeks or months to optimise research time and clinical experience and can be front- or back-loaded depending on prior experience and progression.

Description of clinical training component of programme

The Clinical training will be at the Birmingham Women's Hospital or at Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS trust (for trainees interested in gynaecological cancer research). BWH has 8500 deliveries per year and has large Programmes for benign gynaecology. It has the centre for minimal invasive surgery.

BWH also has three subspecialty training programme for the RCOG focusing upon:

1. Maternal and Fetal Medicine. Tertiary referrals of complex maternal and fetal medicine cases.
2. Urogynaecology. Management of urogynaecological cases.
3. Reproductive Medicine. Aspects of both assisted reproductive technologies, benign gynaecological surgery, genetics and endocrinology.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS trust is a large teaching hospital for the University of Birmingham and Aston University, and an acute trust. A planned relocation of services to a new purpose built hospital Midlands Metropolitan University is anticipated in 2024.

Subspecialty training programme for Gynaecological oncology is situated at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

Academic Lead (University) for the IAT Programme.

Prof Kristien Boelaert, IAT Lead at the University of Birmingham: k.boelaert@bham.ac.uk.

Academic Supervisor (University) details.

Prof Sudha Sundar is the O&G specialty lead for the Birmingham IAT programme. She is Professor of Gynaecological cancer/Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist and President of the British Gynaecological Cancer Society. Her research interests are in ovarian cancer detection, development of novel diagnostics and surgical outcomes from cancer surgery in the UK and globally.

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The senior research academics include Prof RK Morris (Fetal medicine), Dr Vicky Hodgetts-Morton (Maternal medicine and pre-term birth), Dr Soha Sobhy (maternal medicine and global maternal health) Dr Rima Dhillon Smith (Gynaecology, reproductive medicine), Prof S Sundar (gynaecological oncology), Prof J Clark (Gynaecology)

Educational Supervisor (Trust) details

Separate supervisors will be provided

Clinical Supervisor(s) (Trust) details.

Dr Sam Pretlove: Clinical Director in Maternity Services (s.pretlove@nhs.net)

Ms Abha Sinha: Clinical Director in Gynaecology, SWBH

Deanery Programme Training Director details

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Confirmation that ACL posts attract an NTN (a)

Confirmed by Dr Sizer (a.sizer@nhs.net)) and Dr Pretlove.

Appendix 1: NIHR CL Supplementary Person Specification

This person specification should be used in conjunction with a person specification for assessment of clinical competences.

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
ELIGIBILITY	<p>Evidence of achievement of Foundation competences or equivalent.</p> <p>Candidate must be at ST3 or above.</p> <p>Must hold a higher degree (MD, PhD or equivalent)* in a relevant subject area.</p> <p>Evidence of good progress in clinical training and that completion of specialty training* may be accommodated either during or after the 4 year period of the NIHR CL award (*Not applicable to fully qualified GP candidates).</p>	<p>Evidence of commitment to GMC specialty.</p> <p>Intercalated honours degree and/or additional qualifications e.g. MSc etc.</p>
KNOWLEDGE & ACHIEVEMENTS	<p>Demonstration of acquisition of the level of knowledge and skills necessary for the achievement of Foundation and clinical (matched to the entry level) competencies or equivalent.</p> <p>Demonstration of the potential for scientific independence and the ability to lead a research team.</p> <p>Potential to become a leader in chosen field.</p>	<p>Knowledge of the centre hosting the research and how this is best placed to support the research, education and training needs.</p> <p>Prizes or distinctions.</p> <p>Presentation of work at a national or international meeting.</p> <p>Significant publications in peer reviewed journals.</p>
EDUCATIONAL & PERSONAL ASPECTS	<p>Demonstration of understanding, and commitment to, an academic career.</p> <p>Indication of medium and long-term career goals.</p> <p>Demonstration of educational reasons for applying for the Clinical Lectureship Programme.</p>	
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS	<p>Evidence of team working skills.</p> <p>Evidence of leadership potential.</p>	

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