

Wellcome Trust Research Training Programmes for Clinicians

Applications are invited for the autumn 2010 intake to the Wellcome Trust's Research Training Programmes for Clinicians across the UK.

These programmes are flagship schemes aimed at supporting the most promising medically qualified clinicians who wish to undertake rigorous research training.*

Successful candidates will develop their potential to become academic clinicians within a structured and mentored training environment.

Three distinct types of programme have been established within institutions across the UK:

- PhD Programmes for Clinicians
- Joint PhD Programmes for Clinicians and Basic Scientists
- Interdisciplinary Training Programmes for Clinicians in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics



PhD Programmes for Clinicians



Seven PhD programmes – at Cambridge, Dundee, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London (Imperial College London and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine) and Oxford – have been established, based in centres of excellence throughout the UK, which can provide research opportunities that will appeal to clinicians drawn from across the range of specialities.

Each programme has been structured to reflect the expertise of individual institutions, and together they offer a unique opportunity for clinicians to undertake rigorous training in the UK.

The programmes at Liverpool and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine focus on international health and candidates will be expected to do their research in a low- or middle-income country.

* The Trust also offers other funding routes for clinicians. Further information is available at www.wellcome.ac.uk/funding

Candidates will have the potential to pursue a career as an academic clinician. It is anticipated that many will also have commenced specialist training but this is not essential in all programmes – eligibility criteria are available on the individual programme websites.

Support includes a medical salary, PhD registration fees at UK/EU student rate, research expenses, general training funds and some travel costs.

Information on the programmes is available on the Wellcome Trust website: www.wellcome.ac.uk/clinicalphd/nature

Joint PhD Programmes for Clinicians and Basic Scientists

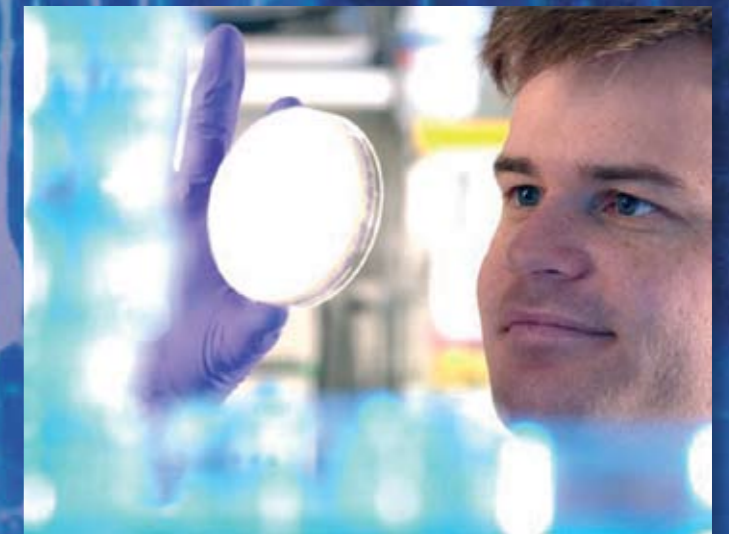
Two joint PhD programmes for clinicians and basic scientists have been established, based in centres of excellence at Birmingham and The Institute of Cancer Research.

Each programme will provide the individual trainee with unique opportunities to sample high-quality basic and clinical research environments, and to develop a research proposal that is tailored to their individual interests.

Candidates will have the potential to pursue a career as an academic researcher. For medically qualified candidates it is anticipated that they will also have already commenced their specialist training but this is not essential.

Support includes a stipend or a medical salary, PhD registration fees at UK/EU student rate, research expenses, general training funds and some travel costs.

Information on the programmes is available at: www.wellcome.ac.uk/jointphd/nature



Interdisciplinary Training Programmes for Clinicians in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics



Four interdisciplinary training programmes for clinicians in translational medicine and therapeutics – at Cambridge, Imperial College London, Newcastle and a Scottish consortium (led by Edinburgh with Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow) – have been established, based in centres of excellence throughout the UK, which can provide research opportunities that will appeal to clinicians drawn from across the range of specialities.

The programmes have been developed around a unique partnership between academic and industrial partners. Support for the programmes has been provided to the host institutions by GlaxoSmithKline,

Wyeth Research, Roche, AstraZeneca, Sanofi-Aventis, Sirtris Pharmaceuticals and PTC Therapeutics.

Each programme has been structured to reflect the expertise of individual institutions and their industrial partners. Together they offer a unique opportunity for translational medicine training in the UK.

Candidates will have the potential to pursue a career as an academic clinician. It is anticipated that many will also have already commenced their specialist training but this is not essential.

Further information is available at: www.wellcome.ac.uk/itpc/nature

Interested candidates should send enquiries and applications to the individual programmes and not to the Wellcome Trust.