

Pan-London Cancer Research Fellowship 2021/22

We are offering exciting opportunities for medical and non-medical research fellows to undertake a 12-month research project. This has London-based support from Biomedical Research Centres, RM Partners, North Central London Cancer Alliance, North East London Cancer Alliance and South East London Cancer Alliance

The pan-London research strategy focuses on areas of unmet need directly linked to new models of care initiated by the Cancer Alliances in London. There are two main workstreams which support areas identified as priorities in the NHS Long Term Plan: Cancer inequalities and personalised care of people living with and beyond cancer.

The posts are open to medical and non-medical professionals who do not currently hold a PhD including: nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, health scientists, clinical research practitioners and other allied health professionals (AHP). See below for further information on eligibility.

Fellowship funding includes salary and running costs for 12 months with an aim to gain preliminary data and work on competitive applications to external funding bodies to fund continuation of the project into a higher degree. Part time fellowships over a longer period of time will also be considered at discretion of the supervisor.

Following an initial call to potential supervisors, 16 projects have been selected. We will be looking to **fund up to 6 research fellows for 2021-22.**

These projects are suitable for both medical and non-medical candidates:

1. Evaluation of same day CT pathway for suspected hepatobiliary malignancies Prof

Ms Jackie Bates, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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2. Improving diagnostics and therapeutics in never-smoker lung cancer patients

Dr Alex Georgiou, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Email: alexandros.georgiou@gstt.nhs.uk

3. Using experience-based co-design (EBCD) to optimise the diagnostic and treatment pathway for head and neck squamous cell carcinoma from an unknown primary (HNSCCUP)

Dr Justin Roe and Professor Vin Paleri, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

Email: justin.roe@rmh.nhs.uk

- 4. Sestamibi Kidney for the Assessment for renal Neoplasms (SKAN)**
Miss Maxine GB Tran, Royal Free Hospital/UCL
Email: m.tran@ucl.ac.uk
- 5. Can Chemotherapy dose-delay data be used to reduce inequalities in chemotherapy services?**
Dr Martin Forster/ Dr Cecelia Vindrola, UCL School of Pharmacy
Email: pinkie.chambers@nhs.net
- 6. Minimising delay in the assessment for and treatment of head and neck cancer in patients with mental health conditions or addiction.**
Dr Richard Oakley, Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Trust
Email: richard.oakley@gstt.nhs.uk
- 7. Culturally Competent Colorectal Prehabilitation**
Dr Tarannum Rampal and Shana Hall, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Email: Shana.Hall1@nhs.net, t.rampal@nhs.net
- 8. Hairdressing salons to promote NHS online application to reduce underdiagnosis of breast cancers among women in London's deprived and ethnically diverse neighbourhoods: a feasibility study.**
Dr Veline L'Esperance, King's College London
Email: veline.lesperance@kcl.ac.uk
- 9. Psychosocial function and support preferences for people with cancer who cannot vaccinate in the context of Covid recovery.**
Dr Alex King, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Email: alex.king@nhs.net
- 10. Improving quality of life and reducing costs for people living with and beyond cancer through a group psychological intervention**
Dr Clare Reeder and Dr Sue Smith, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust and Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Trust
Email: clare.reeder@nhs.net
- 11. Are low carbohydrate diets feasible during chemotherapy to prevent hyperglycaemia**
Prof Clare Shaw, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust
Email: Clare.Shaw@rmh.nhs.uk
- 12. Supporting patients to recognise and manage immunotherapy-related toxicities**
Dr Kumud Kantilal and Dr Eleni Karapanagiotou, Guy's Cancer Centre/Kings College London
Email: Eleni.karapanagiotou@gstt.nhs.uk
- 13. Opening Pandora's box: the Psychological Impacts of living with an inherited colorectal cancer predisposition syndrome (PSYLIVED)**

Dr Kevin Monahan, St Mark's Hospital
Email: k.monahan@nhs.net

14. Optimising access to lung cancer treatment through precision prehabilitation

Dr Leanne Ashrafian (nee. Harling), Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
Email: Leanne.ashrafian@gstt.nhs.uk

15. THERApy de-escalation in TESTicular cancer (THERATEST)

Dr Prabhakar Rajan, Queen Mary University of London/Barts Health NHS Trust
Email: Prabhakar.Rajan@nhs.net

16. Multi-professional approach to assessment and treatment of Proteosome Induced Neuropathy in Myeloma.

Dr Majid Kazmi, Guy's & ST Thomas' NHS Trust
Email: majidkazmi@nhs.net

How to apply

- Identify the project that you would like to undertake.
- You must contact the supervisor of the project only by email and not by phone.
- **Send your CV and a brief covering letter to the supervisor and please also copy your email to RMPartners.research@nhs.net**
- You should contact the supervisor as soon as possible to allow time for your application to be considered.
- The supervisor will select one candidate for the available fellowship. Unfortunately because of the volume of applications we receive it will not be possible to contact all applicants. If you have not been contacted by 1st of December 2021, please understand that your application has not been successful.
- If you are selected to make an application, the supervisor will contact you to confirm the next stage of the application process. You will be asked to complete the 'Joint Pan-London Research Training Fellowship' application form, which will be completed jointly with the supervisor. The deadline for full applications is **26th November 2021**.
- Shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend a virtual panel interview, provisionally planned for week commencing December 13th.

Eligibility

For medical candidates, to be eligible for registration, candidates must have either:

- obtained the MB BS degrees of the University of London or some other registerable primary qualification in medicine, and be eligible for full registration or hold limited registration with the General Medical Council; or
- clinical experience relevant to the post.

In addition it is desirable for candidates to have both:

- research experience relevant to the post
- a national training number or be eligible for one

Applicants who are non-medical professionals who wish to obtain further research experience whilst also developing their clinical skills must be graduates from one of the following healthcare professions and hold registration with their relevant professional council, with at least one year's experience of professional, post-graduation, clinical practice at the point of application.

Examples of professional councils and AHPs include:

Profession	Registration Body
Nurse	Nursing and Midwifery Council
Midwife	
Pharmacist	General Pharmaceutical Council
Dietician	Health and Care Professions Council
Occupational Therapist	
Physiotherapist	
Radiographer	
Speech and Language Therapist	
Biomedical or Clinical Scientists	
Practitioner Psychologist	
Clinical Psychologist	British Psychological Society

This year we are opening the opportunity for Clinical Research Practitioners to apply, as defined by the NIHR [here](#).

For enquiries about the vacancy, shortlisting and interviews:

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