

## Pan-London Cancer Research Fellowship 2022/23

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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 three main workstreams which support areas identified as priorities in the NHS Long Term Plan: Early Diagnosis, 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, 19 projects have been selected. We will be looking to **fund up to 4 research fellows for 2022-23**.

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

- 1. Prospective validation of a radiomics imaging algorithm to predict surgical and clinical outcome in advanced high grade serous epithelial ovarian cancer (HGSOC).**  
Professor Christina Fotopoulou, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Imperial College London  
Email: [c.fotopoulou@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:c.fotopoulou@imperial.ac.uk)
- 2. Rapid Diagnostic Centres – Symptom and Biomarker Based Triage.**  
Dr Richard Lee, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [PA.RichardLee@rmh.nhs.uk](mailto:PA.RichardLee@rmh.nhs.uk)
- 3. Development of a Patient navigator toolkit to support implementation of Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) screening.**  
Dr Laura Marlow, King's College London  
Email: [l.marlow@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:l.marlow@kcl.ac.uk)
- 4. Patient perceptions of treatment for testicular cancer: insights from the THERATEST therapy de-escalation trial.**

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

- 5. Targeted Early Prostate Cancer Detection in Higher Risk Groups (PROFILE Studies).**  
Professor Ros Eeles, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [ros.eeles@icr.ac.uk](mailto:ros.eeles@icr.ac.uk)
- 6. Targeted Lung Health Check – Beyond the ‘100%’.**  
Dr Susannah Bloch, Imperial College NHS Trust  
Email: [Susannah.bloch@doctors.org.uk](mailto:Susannah.bloch@doctors.org.uk), [john.burchill1@nhs.net](mailto:john.burchill1@nhs.net),  
[jane.derbyshire1@nhs.net](mailto:jane.derbyshire1@nhs.net)
- 7. Implementing Whole Genome Sequencing in Teenage and Young Adult patients in South London.**  
Dr Julia Chisholm, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Julia.chisholm@rmh.nhs.uk](mailto:Julia.chisholm@rmh.nhs.uk)
- 8. Treatment refusal decisions among women from Black ethnic background with gynaecological cancer neighbourhoods: a feasibility study.**  
Professor Susanne Cruickshank, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [susanne.cruickshank@nhs.net](mailto:susanne.cruickshank@nhs.net)
- 9. Cancer-SMART (Serious Mental illness Access & Rapid Treatment) collaboration.**  
Dr Asanga Fernando, St George’s University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Asanga.fernando@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:Asanga.fernando@stgeorges.nhs.uk)
- 10. Community Pharmacy to Improve Uptake to Targeted Lung Health Checks (TLHC).**  
Dr Richard Lee, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [PA.RichardLee@rmh.nhs.uk](mailto:PA.RichardLee@rmh.nhs.uk)
- 11. Implementation of integrated palliative care services for patients undergoing CAR-T therapy.**  
Dr Joanne Droney, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Joanne.droney@rmh.nhs.uk](mailto:Joanne.droney@rmh.nhs.uk)
- 12. Implementing and Evaluating a Personalised Follow-Up Programme for patients with Head and Neck Cancer.**  
Dr Mary Lei, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [mary.lei@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:mary.lei@gstt.nhs.uk), [laura.dean@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:laura.dean@gstt.nhs.uk)
- 13. Symptom management and Survivorship in Oesophago-gastric cancer.**  
Mr Andrew Davies, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Andrew.Davies1@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Andrew.Davies1@gstt.nhs.uk)
- 14. Optimisation of diabetes management to enhance response and survival to anti-cancer immunotherapy.**

Dr David Pinato, Imperial College NHS Trust  
Email: [david.pinato@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:david.pinato@imperial.ac.uk)

**15. Active and early nutritional intervention to improve outcomes for patients with ovarian cancer.**

Professor Iain McNeish & Dr Laura Tookman, Imperial College NHS Trust  
Email: [Laura.tookman1@nhs.net](mailto:Laura.tookman1@nhs.net)

**16. Utilising early post-operative gut hormone profiles to identify those at risk of excess appetite and weight loss and provide early targeted interventions in oesophagogastric cancer patients.**

Mr Andrew Davies, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Andrew.Davies1@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Andrew.Davies1@gstt.nhs.uk)

**17. Living with pelvic consequences of cancer.**

Helen Ricketts, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [helen.ricketts@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.ricketts@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

**18. Feasibility of an exercise intervention for myeloma patients who are being treated with a brace for spinal fractures.**

Professor Kwee Yong, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Kwee.yong@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:Kwee.yong@ucl.ac.uk)

**19. Implementation of a patient reported outcome measure (PROM) for weight loss to expedite early dietetic intervention for patients with non- site- specific (NSS) symptoms across South East London with the overarching goal of optimising patients for treatment and improving patient experience.**

Dr Saoirse Dolly, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
Email: [Saoirse.dolly@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Saoirse.dolly@gstt.nhs.uk)

## 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.
- Shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend a virtual panel interview, provisionally planned for week commencing **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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:

Dr Michelle Chen, Research & Innovation Lead & Alexandra Zervos  
[RMPartners.Research@nhs.net](mailto:RMPartners.Research@nhs.net)