

## Candidate Information

**Position:** Clinical Research Fellow  
**School/Department:** School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences  
**Reference:** 25/112591  
**Closing Date:** Monday 9 June 2025  
**Salary:** £44,283 to £60,261 per annum (Speciality Registrar Scale FT)  
**Anticipated Interview Date:** Monday 23 June 2025  
**Duration:** 36 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

The position will be assigned to the research team led by Professor Liam Heaney within the Wellcome Wolfson institute for Experimental Medicine and Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. This is a PhD-fellowship for a respiratory specialist registrar to join an experienced asthma clinical and research group to run a clinical trial that will pick out a biology-high asthma cohort to randomise them to biologic therapy (anti-thymicstomal lymphopoietin inhibition, TSLP) versus standard care and assess clinical remission and differences in clinical and biological outcomes after 48 weeks of therapy.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To undertake and be responsible for the progress of a clinical trial that will pick out a biology-high asthma cohort to randomise them to biologic therapy (anti-thymicstomal lymphopoietin inhibition, TSLP) versus standard care and assess clinical remission and differences in clinical and biological outcomes after 48 weeks of therapy.
2. To undertake training in early phase clinical trials.
3. To undertake the ethical and research governance procedures in relation to clinical trials.
4. To gain experience in clinical care in severe asthma in a research context.
5. To assist with the recruitment of participants for this study.
6. To undertake a higher specialist research degree (PhD).
7. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to area of research.
8. Present regular progress reports on research to members of the research group or to external audiences to disseminate and publicise research findings.
9. Prepare, often in consultation with supervisor, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
10. Assist grant holder in the preparation of funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
11. Carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project/s to ensure that project/s are completed on time and within budget. These might include organisation of project meetings and documentation, financial control, risk assessment of research activities.
12. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. \*Medically qualified with GMC registration by the time of commencement in the post.
2. In specialist training programme in Respiratory Medicine compatible with GMC registration at ST3 level or above.
3. Evidence of having been involved with and has an interest in research commensurate with level of training.
4. Completion of Good Clinical Practice.
5. Excellent organisational skills.
6. Must display clarity of thinking and ability to address a variety of research topics.
7. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
8. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
9. Demonstrable intellectual ability.

10. Ability to assess and organise resources.
11. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
12. Ability to work outside normal hours when necessary.
13. Must be willing to travel to national and international meetings.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Evidence of high performance at Medical School.
2. Evidence of previous research.
3. Evidence of abstract publications.
4. Evidence of having presented at conferences (poster and/or oral).