

UHS Clinical Research Engagement Internship 2022

The UHS strategic vision (UHS, 2021) outlines clearly the need to continue to embed clinical research in the Trust through education and empowerment to advocate and lead change through research activity. This internship, a joint initiative with R&D and the NIHR 70@70 programme, aims to spark curiosity and questioning by engaging with clinical staff to demonstrate how research can be utilised to improve practice and influence change.

Who can apply?

Band 5 and 6 Registered Nurses and Allied Health Professionals working in a clinical area and who have an interest in clinical research.

If you are interested in providing opportunities for your patients whilst developing your skills and knowledge in relation to clinical research delivery at UHS and you are keen to contribute to improving patient care, then this internship will be the ideal opportunity for you.

No prior research knowledge is necessary. This internship is aimed at developing your practical research delivery skills and knowledge that you will be able to use and share in your clinical area.

What is involved?

You will be funded for one day per week for up to 9 months (January 2022 to September 2022) to work alongside our research delivery teams at UHS, in your clinical area. You will have a number of fixed days where you will come together as a multidisciplinary cohort, the remainder of the time will be scheduled individually with the research delivery team in agreement with your clinical area where you will actively work on our current studies to gain an understanding of research design, study set-up and delivery, and research governance. You will participate in the recruitment and consent of patients into research trials in various settings and participate in their treatment and follow up visits in the clinical area or in our Clinical Research Facility on C-level. You will participate in data collection and safety monitoring and gain understanding of how this informs the treatments and interventions that are delivered daily as part of standard care within the NHS.



The fixed cohort days will provide taught sessions covering various aspects of research delivery, library and literature search and evaluation skills.

You will also work on a project, which will be determined in your first weeks of the internship, that will contribute to either a QI project in your department or a new piece of work that you wish to initiate that relates to either research or QI. You will be supported by experienced research nurses, our transformation team at UHS, and Southampton Academy of Research (SoAR) who will provide learning, mentorship, and support throughout the internship.

Where will it lead?

At the end of your internship, you will present your project work within UHS either as a poster or presentation, you will also be supported to share this more widely. You will become part of a community of practice to continue to promote clinical research within your area of work, sharing with your colleagues and providing opportunities for patients.



If your area does not already have a research link role, you will contribute to establishing that role within your area.

Should you wish to continue developing academic or practical skills and learning within research you will be given support and guidance on opportunities available and how to pursue these.

How do I apply?

Apply by **Friday 15th October 2021** using the accompanying application form.

For further information or to discuss your application please contact

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