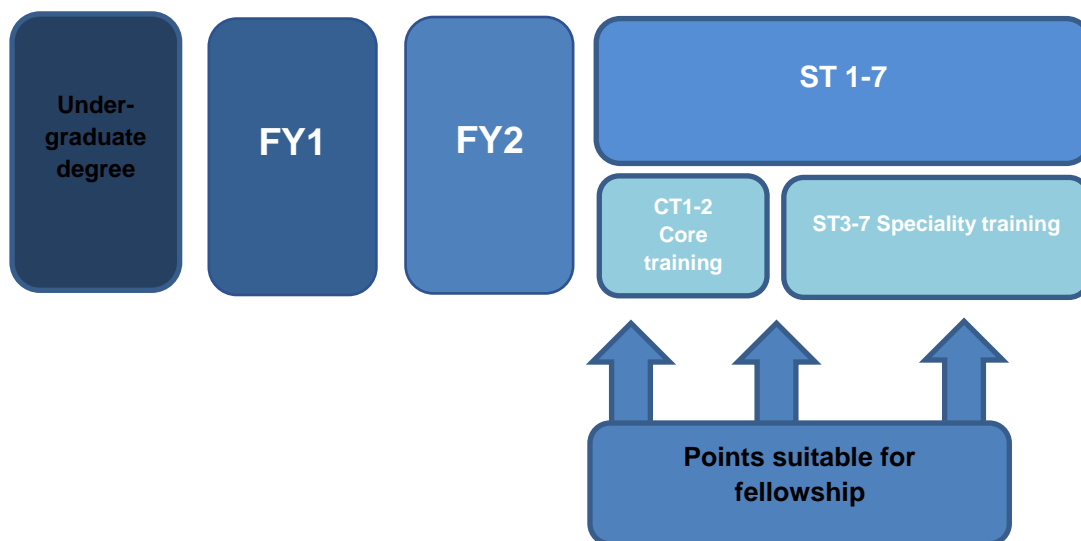


### Guidance for Applications for CRN Wessex Research Fellows Programme 2018-19

CRN Wessex is inviting applications for the Research Fellow Programme 2018-19. The programme offers medical trainees and healthcare professionals an opportunity to participate in clinical research with the objective of equipping them with the necessary skills to deliver high-quality portfolio research activity throughout their future career. The illustration below demonstrates the points at which medical trainees may consider applying for the fellowship.



There is £500k of funding available. Each post will be funded to a maximum of £20k with the expectation the host organisation will provide matched funding.

In 2017/18 the network funded 33 research fellows across 14 specialties in 5 organisations. In 2018/19 we hope to extend the reach of the programme. Smaller organisations may not be able to support a research fellow full-time, but could support a fellow with a larger organisation in a 'hub & spoke' model with a named supervisor in both organisations. It is expected that these organisations would be involved in the selection process for such appointments.

Funding will not be released until the research fellow is in post and funding can only be committed for 2018/19.

All research fellows receiving CRN funding are expected to participate in the Research Fellow Education Programme which is also open to allied health professional pursuing a clinical academic career.

The Research Fellow Education Programme is led by Dr Thomas Brown and includes:

- Wessex-wide research fellow meetings held four times a year (**dates**)
- Participation in the competency based approach to training and development opportunities.
- Completion of annual progress reports which include details of research recruitment, grant applications, publications and achievement of research fellow competencies (See Appendix A)

Core CRN Wessex Competencies are grouped into two distinct themes as outlined below:

<b>Research Competencies</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>
GCP & Informed Consent Research Infrastructure & Funding Research Design & Methodology Critical Appraisal & Systematic Review Research Ethics Feasibility & Recruitment Trial Management Data Management Patient & Public Involvement in Research Grant Applications Qualitative/Quantitative Statistical Methods Dissemination and Impact	Developing Clinical Expertise Networking Skills Presentation Skills Quality Improvement Processes

Job descriptions for CRN Wessex Research Fellows must include a clear commitment to recruitment into portfolio research studies and engagement with the CRN Wessex Research Fellow Educational Programme in recognition of CRN funding (retrospective addition to job descriptions for any fellows already in post will be required to secure continued CRN support).

If you have any questions about the programme please contact Dr Thomas Brown, research fellow lead [thomas.brown@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:thomas.brown@porthosp.nhs.uk)

**Action: Please complete and submit the attached application form to [pamela.yates@nhr.ac.uk](mailto:pamela.yates@nhr.ac.uk) by midday on 23 February 2018.**

The short listing and allocation of posts will be conducted by a representative panel of stakeholders on 1 March 2018.