



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



HEAD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH

Grade 10: Salary £52,219 - £60,513 with discretionary range to £66,109 per annum

An exciting opportunity as Head of Clinical Research is available in OCDEM an internationally recognised Academic Research Organisation. The DTU forms a key part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. Reporting to the Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU) Deputy Director, the post holder will apply best practice trial management methodologies to drive and oversee the development and successful execution of world-class clinical trials, and to play a major role in the expansion and strategic development of the Unit.

DTU, a fully registered UKCRC Clinical Trials Unit, is one of only a handful of AROs worldwide that specialises in designing and performing cardiovascular outcome megatrials. Currently we are undertaking 4 such trials in 40 countries, with a dedicated regional coordinating centre in Beijing, China. The DTU also has a rapidly expanding translational research group that designs and runs early phase trials of potential new therapeutic agents and devices.

We are seeking to appoint a highly skilled, dynamic and self-motivated individual, with a proven track record of initiating, managing and delivering large-scale clinical trials. The successful candidate will demonstrate strong decision-making skills and be able to lead, motivate and manage the performance of a multidisciplinary team. They will be educated to postgraduate level, or hold equivalent experience. They will have a comprehensive and thorough understanding of clinical trial methodology, as well as the international regulatory environment. The post holder will be required to represent the Unit at the highest levels, both nationally and internationally, and must therefore possess excellent interpersonal and communications skills. They will be innovative, analytical, and display sound judgement under pressure.

Responsibilities include efficient management of trial operations, and day-to-day management of clinical and non-clinical staff. This is a fixed-term appointment for 2 years in the first instance.

The deadline for applications is midday on Monday 1st August 2016. Please quote Reference 124225 in all correspondence.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit:

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=124225

Staff parking

REMINDER

OUH NHS FT PARKING ENFORCEMENT POLICY – Q&A SESSION FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST, 12PM -1PM, WIMM SEMINAR ROOM, JR HOSPITAL

This session provides an opportunity to learn more about the imminent changes the OUH NHS Foundation Trust are making to parking and travel arrangements at the JR and Churchill Hospitals. University staff can raise questions and concerns directly with the OUH travel and transport team. The changes are planned to tackle the problematic parking issues at these sites and ultimately improve patients, visitor and staff access. As a reminder they include:

From 1 August 2016, traffic enforcement measures will be applied by the OUH NHS Foundation Trust to all vehicles parking on double red and yellow lines.

From 31 August 2016, cars parked without valid permits will receive penalty notices. In addition, a new OUH Staff Travel and Car Parking Policy will also be introduced which will have implications for University staff in terms of:

- revised eligibility criteria for parking permits
- the removal of day passes
- changes to visitor parking
- Car share initiatives
- Car Pooling Spaces
- Improved access by public transport and bicycle to the Hospital sites

See - <https://talks.ox.ac.uk/talks/id/637257ba-6fe3-4d43-8865-c66c68f72e7e/>

Please bring your University ID card. You will be required to sign in to the WIMM, so please give yourself plenty of time to sign in and make your way to the seminar room.

Space is limited, so please rsvp to Alison Brindle alison.brindle@medsci.ox.ac.uk



Would anyone be willing to come to the CRU and have a small amount of fat removed as two nurses need to be trained in a new technique? It would involve a 15-30 min visit where a small amount of abdominal fat would be removed following administration of a small amount of local anaesthetic. We need volunteers who are 'cuddly'!

If you would like to help please contact louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk or rachel.craven-todd@ocdem.ox.ac.uk

REMINDER - WARNING OF NETWORK SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS 2ND AND 4TH AUGUST

WARNING!

Due to essential work as part of the University's network improvement project **TONE** <https://projects.it.ox.ac.uk/tone/> there will be two periods during which networks services will be affected .

Tuesday 2nd August, between 7:30am & 10:00am

Upgrade of the primary connection to the University network at the John Radcliffe.

During this period there will be interruptions to all University wired and wireless network services at the **John Radcliffe** only. Access to the internet, network file-stores and other services & printers will be affected.

Thursday 4th August, between 7:30am & 9:00am

Migration of MSD IT Services Server network.

During this period access to **ALL** MSD IT network services will be affected on **ALL** sites. (Wireless access to OWL and Eduroam via Trust access points should **not** be affected.)

We recommend avoiding undertaking any critical work that is reliant on network services or connections during these periods.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



ACCESS CONTROL CARD READER CHANGE – OCDEM

The NHS have an ongoing project to change the card swipe readers on doors throughout the Trust to proximity readers. There are a number of advantages to doing this:

The swipe readers are obsolete and therefore if they break down we can't easily replace them.

proximity readers are easier for people to use (you put your card up to it rather than having to swipe)

Opportunity to redesign the access levels to reduce the number of people who have access into the building.

For the majority of staff this change will happen without a problem, as the work is done behind the scenes to ensure that they have the right type of ID cards and that they are correctly programmed.

Disruption should be minimal, as it is a simple case of swapping the existing readers for the new ones. The only other thing to be aware of will be that the doors being changed will be insecure while the work is done. This may be up to four hours for each set of four doors. The engineer will liaise with staff when this happens. The work is due to start week commencing 8th of August and the relevant lab managers have been informed. If you have any queries regarding this then please contact Dennis Carter in the first instance.



EME Programme bulletin - Summer edition

Updated focus for EME

In support of a new joint MRC-NIHR vision for the EME Programme our remit has been updated. The changes focus on opportunities to strengthen the programme's ability to foster new approaches that will help to drive faster translation to patient benefit. Alongside this, based on researcher feedback, we have also added a number of examples on our website to provide greater clarity about [proof of concept](#) for EME applications. [Find out about the changes.](#)

Learn more about EME funding

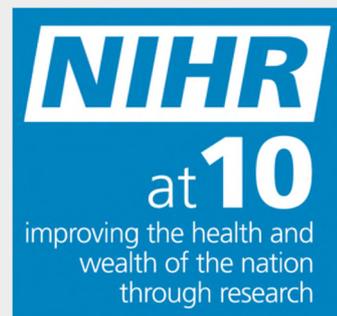
If you would like further information and to help others in your institution or region become more familiar with the opportunities the EME Programme presents, please [contact us](#).

Latest funding opportunities

Researcher-led funding opportunities

Proposals on topics or research questions identified by researchers, which are within the programme's [remit](#), can be submitted through our [researcher-led workstream](#).

The deadline for applications is **1pm, 1 November 2016**. For more information about this funding opportunity, please [visit our website](#), or to discuss your application please contact info@eme.ac.uk.



The NIHR was established ten years ago; [find out what we've achieved](#) since then.



New titles in *Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation*

To read the latest publications in the NIHR journal, *Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation*, please visit the [NIHR Journals Library](#).

Commissioned workstream

We currently have funding opportunities open in a variety of topic areas.

- Difficult to treat severe asthma
- Non-rheumatoid arthritides
- Mechanisms of action of health interventions
- Evaluation of new surgical procedures through the use of novel study designs

Full details including guidance are available on our [website](#). The deadline for applying is **1pm, 1 November 2016**.

Proposed research areas

The below topics are likely to be commissioned during the next year. Individual commissioning briefs will be published when the call opens and will define the call details.

- Epilepsy
- Improving safety and efficacy through targeted drug delivery
- Novel interventions for treatment resistant depression

Latest news

Helping children with autism transfer new communication skills from home to school

A new study is testing whether an intervention with parents and teachers can help children with autism transfer newly acquired social communication skills from home into school. Read the [full article](#).

New UK-wide clinical trial aims to improve muscle strength in older people

A UK-wide clinical trial is set to examine whether a commonly used heart pill and a food supplement could improve the health of older people across the



Have your say...

Why not [become a reviewer](#)?

Our reviewers are extremely important to us, and help to ensure that we only fund the most relevant research that is focused on the needs of patients and the public.



What should we research next?

Topic suggestions in all areas are always welcome and our [website](#) offers support and guidance on how to make an effective research suggestion.

UK by improving muscle strength. Read the [full article](#).

The role of Clinical Trials Units in developing an NIHR funding application

The NIHR has now produced a video highlighting the role that Clinical Trials Units (CTUs) play in developing an NIHR funding application, explaining both the role and benefits of working with CTUs.

[Watch the video](#).

Support for complex reviews

A new service offering specialist expert advice for those producing complex systematic reviews is now available. It can provide advice on methodological fields such as Diagnostic Test Accuracy, Economic Evaluations or Network Meta-Analysis. [Find out how to access support](#).

Additional Information

OSCHR Board Industry Vacancy

A vacancy is available for an independent member (industry) of the board of the Office for Strategic Coordination of Health Research. Further details and an application pack are available on [our website](#).

Methods for clinical trials

The [MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research](#) has recently updated its guidance pack on methods for clinical trials. Updates include new recommendations for maximising the impact of qualitative research in feasibility studies and issues to consider during the design of surgical trials.

View the new [guidance pack](#).



More news!

Read more latest news from the [EME Programme](#).

Latest NIHR Dissemination
Centre Signals

[Two ways to reduce ovarian overstimulation during fertility treatment compared](#)

[Antibiotics for eczema that looks infected may be unnecessary in some cases](#)

[New methods to induce labour may increase chance of vaginal delivery, but safety questions remain](#)

[Building an urban motorway did not reduce traffic accidents locally](#)

[Sulfonylureas can be considered safe for those with type 2 diabetes](#)

How to handle media attention

Dealing with the media effectively takes some preparation. [Read up on the experiences](#) of Senior Research Scientist Heidi Appel to pick up some tips.



Incontinence research workshop

A group of medical research charities is developing a workshop aimed at increasing the amount of research into incontinence in people with long-term health conditions. They would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to share your thoughts about how to make the workshop as effective as possible in [this survey](#).

ATHENA SWAN INFORMATION



RDM MENTORING SCHEME



The RDM Mentoring Scheme is open to all members of the Department. The aim of the scheme is to assist staff and students to achieve personal and professional growth through a mentoring relationship that provides support as the progress and develop within the university.

If you are interested in joining or would like to know more then please visit <http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/mentoring>

Several members of OCDEM have signed up for the scheme and found it to be a very positive experience

“Having a mentor from outside OCDEM meant I got impartial advice to obstacles I was experiencing and I found it useful having guidance from someone who's recently experienced the same challenges as I am currently.”

As a mentor it's nice to feel that you are helping someone else, in however small a way to achieve their goals and improve their life/work in Oxford.

ADMIN CHARITY FUND RAISING EVENT

Our very own Mummy Mullins i.e Rachel Mullins is not only talented in creating the themes/costumes and decorations for our Christmas Family Events she and her husband Paul have green fingers and have a beautiful garden in Horspath. They have agreed to have an open garden event on Sunday 7th August from 13:30 – 16:30 to raise funds for Sobell House Hospice and Ulcerative Colitis And Crohn's. We would love to see you all there to have a look round the garden and have a cuppa and some cake...



IN AID OF SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE and ULCERATIVE COLITIS AND CROHN'S

GARDEN OPEN

**11, OXFORD ROAD,
HORSPATH,
OXFORD.
OX33 1RT**

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2016

13:30 – 16:30

Tea and cakes, raffle

£2:00 ENTRY



Dear colleague

There is another opportunity to learn about your pension scheme, USS, with member presentations on Monday 19 September.

On 1 April 2016 there was a change to how your future benefits are worked out. Additionally, from 1 October 2016 there will be a new opportunity to save more with the help of your employer:

- Since 1 April 2016 all members became part of the USS Retirement Income Builder. Benefits continue to be worked out based on a formula that includes your salary up to the salary threshold - initially £55,000 a year;
- From 1 October 2016, the USS Investment Builder will launch. This will supplement the existing USS Retirement Income Builder.

All members have the option to contribute to the USS Investment Builder. If you pay at least 1% of your salary as an extra contribution your employer will match this. Additionally, if you earn over the salary threshold – initially £55,000 a year - you'll automatically join the USS Investment Builder, and you and your employer will make contributions to that section in respect of salary above the threshold.

You can find out more about what's changed already by visiting the [USS website](#).

If you'd like to learn more, in person... here's your chance. Register now for the 'USS 2016' presentation.

This updated event will provide details around the new USS Investment Builder as well as recapping on what's already changed. This event will be presented by Kevin Painter, from Mercer, who are assisting USS's member communications team during this busy period.

The presentations will be held on 19 September 2016. During the presentation you'll receive a plain English explanation of how the scheme works and you'll have a chance to ask any questions.

Please register by clicking on the link below and then completing the registration form. We'll then be in touch to confirm your registration.

If you'd like to join us, [please register here](#).

For your information, the dates and locations for the USS presentations are outlined below:

| University of Oxford : USS 2016 | | |
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| Date | Time | Venue |
| Mon, 19 Sept | 9.30am | Room 3, University Offices, Wellington Square |
| Mon, 19 Sept | 11.30am | Room 3, University Offices, Wellington Square |
| Mon, 19 Sept | 1.30pm | Room 3, University Offices, Wellington Square |
| Mon, 19 Sept | 3.30pm | Room 3, University Offices, Wellington Square |

Please allow one hour for the presentation which will include an opportunity to ask any questions.

OCDEM Health Champions: 'The Mellow Month of August'

Workshop:

Monday 8th August at 13.30-14.00

Robert Turner Lecture Theatre:

T'AI CHI TASTER SESSION.

We hope you will join Lee Jefferson an experienced T'ai Chi instructor for this taster session organised by Diana Mantripp.

