



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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We are delighted to announce Professor Fredrik Karpe has been awarded a 5 year programme grant from the British Heart Foundation.



He will investigate "Identification and functional evaluation of genetic and epigenetic determinants of human fat distribution; investigations to understand the cardio-protective effect of lower body adiposity"

Congratulations to Professor Raj Thakker who has been awarded Hakan Alahm award at the annual European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society conference in Barcelona. The Hakan Alham award is named after Professor Ahlman who was Professor of Surgery at University of Gotthenburg and is awarded to a scientist or clinician, who has published the best paper in the past 12 months. Professor Thakker received the award for his paper in Endocrinology was deemed the best paper making a significant contribution to translational research

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



At the Diabetes UK Conference which was held last week in Manchester Professor Anna Gloyn took part in a special session celebrating Diabetes UK funded fellows past and present. For more information see” [Handing over the baton in diabetes research, by Kotryna Temcinaite – Diabetes UK Blogs](#)”

SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

There is no Wednesday seminar this week

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty include talks by Dr Sion Parry on "**Metabolic responses to both acute, and chronic overnutrition**" and Miss Claire Duff on "**Understanding Mechanisms of Islet Dysfunction using Genome Engineering in Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells**"

The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS



Thursday 16 March from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1

Combined Medical- Surgical Grand Round

"Focused ultrasound for non-invasive surgery and drug delivery" - Professor Gail ter Haar, Professor David Cranston and Professor Constantin Coussios

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

Audience: Public

ROAD CLOSURES



For the latest road closures on site please see

<http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/about/developments/energy/churchill.aspx>

CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Diabetes & Metabolism Theme Lab Manager (127678)

Grade 7: £31,076 - £38183 p.a.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Diabetes & Metabolism Theme Lab Manager, within the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Diabetes and Metabolism Theme, led by Professor Anna Gloyn in the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM).

The Diabetes & Metabolism Theme oversees a complex portfolio of translational diabetes and metabolism research programmes which are underpinned by core BRC funded infrastructure. BRC-funded core laboratory personnel support bio-sample and tissue analysis, human islet isolation and processing for translational science across the theme. The research theme consists of four subthemes: Translational Physiology, Therapeutics & Medical Innovation, Translational Islet & Metabolic Tissue Biology, Pancreas & Islet-Cell Transplantation and Service Innovation & Evaluation.

The successful applicant will provide effective management of core laboratory work to support the Theme, including financial and technical advice. You will convene and chair meetings for the OCDEM Laboratory Managers, and manage shared laboratory facilities within OCDEM. You will also take on the role of Safety Officer within OCDEM.

Candidates should hold a degree in biochemistry and have relevant laboratory experience. In-depth knowledge of laboratory health and safety regulations will also be required. Some flexibility with respect to working hours will be needed, including occasional responsibility for out-of-hours work.

The position is fixed term for three years in the first instance and funded by the NIHR Oxford BRC.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please click on the link below:

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=127678

Only applications received before midday on **23 March 2017** can be considered. Interviews are scheduled for the afternoon of 6 April 2017.

Please quote ref. 127678 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS

Grade 7: £31,076-£38,183 per annum

We are seeking an enthusiastic postdoctoral research assistant in Functional Genomics to work within a vibrant research team headed by Professors Anna Gloyn & Mark McCarthy at both the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM) and the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics (WTCHG) at the University of Oxford Churchill Hospital site.

The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary team from the Gloyn and McCarthy laboratories trying to understand the mechanisms by which coding and non-coding changes in genomic sequences affect gene regulation and protein function and predispose to Type 2 Diabetes.

The post holder will have responsibility for designing and implementing projects to define the molecular mechanisms for pancreatic beta-cell dysfunction using a range of human cellular models and primary cells. A main responsibility of this post will be to co-ordinate pipelines for large-scale screens and to subsequently undertake downstream validation studies: including genome editing using CRISPR/Cas 9 in human IPS cells with subsequent differentiation down the beta-cell lineage and knockdown and overexpression studies in human beta-cells and primary islets.

Candidates should have a PhD in molecular biology, human genetics, biochemistry or a closely related field or be close to obtaining one. Relevant laboratory experience in mammalian cell culture, complex molecular cloning, lentiviral infection of mammalian cells, siRNA knockdown & over-expression in mammalian cell lines is essential for this post. Experience with human IPS cells and in genome editing would be an advantage.

The position is full time, fixed term for three years in the first instance and funded by the Wellcome Trust.

Interviews will be held on 4 May 2017.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please click on the link below:

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=127700

Only applications received before midday on **5 April 2017** can be considered.

Please quote ref. 127700 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.



HEAD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH (127924)

Grade 10: £52,793 - £61,179 p.a.

THIS IS A READVERTISEMENT. PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT REAPPLY.

An exciting opportunity as Head of Clinical Research is available in the research group Diabetes Trial Unit (DTU) part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM), an internationally recognised Academic Research Organisation. The DTU forms a key part of OCDEM within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. Reporting to the Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU) Deputy Director, the postholder 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 mega trials. Currently we are undertaking four 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 postholder 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 full-time, fixed-term appointment for 2 years in the first instance.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please click on the link below:

https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=127924

Please quote Reference 127924 in all correspondence.

The deadline for applications is 12.00 midday on Monday 10 April 2017. Interviews will be held on 26 and 27 April 2017.

FIRE SAFETY & FIRE PRACTICAL SESSIONS - THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017



Dear All

Please can I make you aware on the request of Julie Hamilton, I have arranged an fire safety & practical session for Thursday 23 March 2017, Seminar Room A, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Roosevelt Drive.

The session will run as follows:-

Fire Safety Training 10.30am (Seminar Room A, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics)

Fire Practical 11.30am (**Grass area at the front of the Wellcome Trust Centre**)

Please can I **make you aware that there are only** 25 places available for the fire practical session, which will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Please note delegates wishing to attend the fire practical session will need to attend the fire safety training, which is required beforehand.

If you have anyone interested in attended these two sessions, please can they confirm by email to lucia.browning@safety.ox.ac.uk their preference(s).

Best wishes

Lucia Browning

University of Oxford Safety Office