

Brighton and Sussex Medical School

**Integrated Academic Training
Programme**

Induction Information 2025

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome the following new ACFs and CLs to the Brighton and Sussex Medical School Integrated Academic Training (IAT) Programme.

Name	Email Address	ACF / CL	Speciality
Elizabeth Cross	elizabeth.cross2@nhs.net	CL	Infectious Diseases
Claudette Hewitt	claudette.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk	ACF	Infectious Diseases
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Rebekah Morris	rebekah.morris@doctors.org.uk	ACF	HIV / Genitourinary Medicine
James Okediran	okediranj@yahoo.com	ACF	General Psychiatry
Simon Stoneham	s_stoneham@hotmail.com	CL	Infectious Diseases
Ultan Watson	uw@doctors.org.uk	ACF	Intensive Care Medicine
Georgina Whitaker	glwhitaker@outlook.com	ACF	Haematology

The IAT Programme at BSMS combines research and clinical practice, providing a platform for Medical Doctors to advance their academic careers. Tailored for those passionate about merging academia with hands-on clinical experience, this program offers a structured pathway encompassing postgraduate research, clinical training, and professional development.

BSMS currently hosts 19 Academic Clinical Fellows and 7 Clinical Lecturers across several specialities, with a strong focus on Infectious Diseases and Neuroscience.

ACFs are entitled to 25% protected research time and CLs 50% protected research time. Please direct any queries about this to the IAT team contacts including your academic supervisor.

Important Information for Academic Clinical Fellows

Academic Clinical Fellow trainees are eligible for run-through progression into specialty training only if they complete the ACF within its standard duration (generally 3 years, or 4 for some GPs). If they require a training extension, they may lose their academic run-through entitlement and could instead be transitioned into the standard clinical training programme. Please contact your supervisors or the deanery if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Important Contact Information

IAT Team Contacts

Dr Jessica Eccles	IAT Co-Lead	j.eccles@bsms.ac.uk
Dr Khalid Ali	IAT Co-Lead	khalid.ali10@nhs.net
Professor Gordon Ferns	Academic Training Programme Director & Associate Dean KSS	g.fern@bsms.ac.uk

Academic Supervisors and Departmental Administrators

If you have not done so already, please contact your academic supervisors. Your supervisors will be your first port of call for all things ACF / CL.

Please also reach out to your supervisor's Departmental Assistant. The DAs will be able to organise desk/lab space if needed as well as visiting researcher fellow status (which will provide you with a BSMS and UoS email account and IT access). IT access varies between institutions, and you will need separate log-ins to access your BSMS and University of Sussex accounts, along with their associated systems and services

Name	Speciality	Department	Departmental Assistant
Prof Andrea Pepper	Haemato-Oncology	Clinical and Experimental Medicine (CEM)	Liv Cottington CEMedicineDA@bsms.ac.uk
Prof Tim Chevassut	Haematology	Clinical and Experimental Medicine (CEM)	Liv Cottington CEMedicineDA@bsms.ac.uk
Prof Martin Llewelyn	Infectious Diseases	Global Health and Infection (GHI)	Debbie Miller D.Miller@bsms.ac.uk
Dr James Price	Infectious Diseases	Global Health and Infection (GHI)	Debbie Miller D.Miller@bsms.ac.uk
Prof Jaime Vera	Infection and HIV	Global Health and Infection (GHI)	Debbie Miller D.Miller@bsms.ac.uk
Prof Gordon Ferns	Pathology	Medical Education	Sue Brown S.Brown@bsms.ac.uk
Dr Duncan Shrewsbury	Primary Care	Primary Care and Public Health	Sonia Khan PrimarycareDA@bsms.ac.uk
Prof Barbara Philips	Intensive Care	Clinical and Experimental Medicine (CEM)	Liv Cottington CEMedicineDA@bsms.ac.uk
Prof Sumita Verma	Hepatology	Clinical and Experimental Medicine (CEM)	Liv Cottington CEMedicineDA@bsms.ac.uk
Dr Alessandro Colasanti	Psychiatry	Neurosciences	Laura Arnold L.arnold@bsms.ac.uk
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Prof Somnath Mukhopadhyay	Paediatrics	Clinical and Experimental Medicine (CEM)	Liv Cottington CEMedicineDA@bsms.ac.uk Katie Isaacs DA.Paediatrics@bsms.ac.uk
Dr Jessica Eccles	Psychiatry	Neurosciences	Laura Arnold L.arnold@bsms.ac.uk
Dr Khalid Ali	Geriatrics	Elderly Care	uhsussex.daelderlycare@nhs.net
Prof Hugo Critchley	Psychiatry	Clinical Neuroscience	Laura Arnold L.arnold@bsms.ac.uk

Clinical Supervision

Please ensure you make early contact with your clinical supervisors, educational supervisors and medical education teams linked below:

University Hospital Sussex NHS Foundation Trust - uhsussex.medicaleducation.rsch@nhs.net

For allocation / rota queries for IMT trainees, please contact Dr Dan Agranoff
daniel.agranoff@nhs.net.

Mentoring

We encourage you to seek mentorship either via the BSMS mentoring scheme, the NIHR Academy or the Academy of Medical Sciences. It is anticipated that ACFs will apply for competitive funding to do a clinical PhD at the end of the ACF, and that CLs will apply for grants and fellowships. Please have discussions about the timelines for this with your supervisors.

Please contact the IAT team with any questions about mentorship.

Research Training Hub

We are excited to present the new Sussex Health and Care Research Training Hub which was launched in February 2024. We encourage you to visit the website [here](#). This new Hub is still in development so please check the website regularly for news and updates.

It provides a single point of contact for advice, best practices, and information on health and care academic research careers and recruitment to research fellowships. It will provide access to training and development for academic clinical practitioners and health and social care professionals at all stages of their academic journey.

The Integrated Academic Training Programme section of the webpage, which includes videos from supervisors talking about local research opportunities and current trainees talking about their experiences, can be found [here](#).

MRes

All ACFs are entitled to £4500 towards a Master level qualification such as the BSMS PGCert in Research Methods. If you do not already have a postgraduate research degree you will be expected to register for this course.

Please contact Ceri Butler C.Butler@bsms.ac.uk for details.

If you already have a PhD or MSc, you may be able to attend some other relevant PGT modules in the postgraduate portfolio. Please discuss your options with your academic supervisor.

Study Budget

All ACFs and ACLs are entitled to an additional study budget of £1000 a year, to be spent on conference attendance (including travel and accommodation). This is in addition to the study budget offered to all trainees and should be reserved for courses and conferences not usually covered by your speciality study budget. This can be claimed via an expense form to claim back, or your DA can place an order using their purchasing card against your specific budget code. Please contact Amy via iat@bsms.ac.uk for this code.

Clinical Lecturers only: Clinical Lecturers as BSMS staff members, are entitled to a work laptop. Please speak to Nic Lewis n.lewis@brighton.ac.uk (from UoB service desk) to organise this.

Events

New ACFs and ACLs are strongly encouraged to attend the below event:

BSMS Research-Focussed Induction

Thursday 11th September 2025, 9.30-14.00, Medical Research Building, University of Sussex, Falmer

BSMS is facilitating a research-focused Induction for any new members of staff (Faculty, ECRs, PGRs or those in Professional Services). This will be an opportunity for the participants to meet fellow researchers who have commenced their role since September 2023 or before but couldn't attend the induction last year. There will be a series of talks from those who hold key research roles in the school such as Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange, Academic Lead for Early Career Researchers, Academic Lead for Clinical Fellows, Research Development Manager and Business Partnerships Manager. The overall aim of this event is to help you feel settled in BSMS and to make the most of your research experience and aspirations. To register please email Bea at b.ramunno@bsms.ac.uk.

Details of other events will be emailed to you throughout the year as they are advertised. Please keep an eye out for these emails as well as visiting the Events page of the [Sussex Health and Care Research Training Hub](#) webpage.

Sussex Clinical Academic Group peer support meeting

This meeting runs from 12-1pm on Teams every 2 months, on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

The current group consists of clinical MD and PhD students. The format of this meeting usually involves 2 people informally discussing their research projects and the rest of the group discusses and provides feedback/support.

Junior trainees are welcome to join and either just listen or take the opportunity to ask questions about research careers/applying for funding/completing an MD/PhD.

To be added to the invite list for these meetings, please email Dr Lizzie Cross e.l.cross@bsms.ac.uk.

ARCP

The Annual Review of Competency Progression (ARCP) panel takes place in Summer. Some ACFs or CLs may be out of sync.

This panel is principally to check the progress of your clinical training and will be led by your clinical supervisor, however your academic supervisor should also be involved and may need to find an academic representative to be on the panel.

Trainee academic reports (to produced with your academic supervisor) will be required for this panel, and can be downloaded from the [Gold Guide 10th Edition](#) (Appendix 5).

Reviews are held remotely and will take about an hour per trainee. Please reach out to your academic supervisor if you have any questions about this process.

It is possible that the IAT team will be introducing a pre-ARCP progress panel. We will keep you updated on developments.

For all ARCP queries please contact LASE via the [trainee portal](#).

Researchfish

Researchfish is an online platform used by the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) to collect data on research activities conducted by recipients of it's awards.

You will receive an email inviting you to register with ResearchFish, after which you will be asked to submit your research output during the following submission window (March)

You should submit your annual submission each March. Once you have done this, please email a copy of the report to iat@bsms.ac.uk. Please see the links below for guidance on using this platform.

[NIHR Researchfish guidance | NIHR](#)

[Researchfish® User Guide for Researchers](#)

[About ORCID](#)

[Log in | Researchfish](#)

Current trainees

Below is a list of our current or recent ACFs and ACLs, and their specialities. You may wish to reach out to your peers for advice or specific questions about specialities.

Name	Email Address	ACF / CL	Speciality
Harriet Daultrey	h.daultrey@nhs.net ;	CL	Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus
Hussein Elkholy	h.elkholy2@bsms.ac.uk	CL	General Psychiatry
Jennifer Fitzpatrick	jennifer.fitzpatrick2@nhs.net	CL	Infectious Diseases
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Eun Han	eun.han@nhs.net	ACF	Haematology
Isra Husain	israhusain@hotmail.co.uk	ACF	Paediatrics
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James Todd	james.todd4@nhs.net	ACF	General Psychiatry

To be added to the **ACF WhatsApp Group** please email your mobile number to iat@bsms.ac.uk. We will keep you informed of social events both in person and over zoom. We will be looking to recruit ACF and CL representatives and will be in touch with all current ACFs and CLs about this.

ACF and CL Reps

The ACF and CL representatives are listed below. They attend regional deanery steering groups and provide feedback on trainee experiences.

- ACF Reps: Chloe Knox and Isra Husain
- CL Rep: Hussien Elkholy

Medical Education

Below are the names and contact details of the Medical Education contacts in each trust

Name	Email Address	Job Title	Trust
Dr Martyn Clarke	martyn.clark1@nhs.net	Director of Medical Education	UHSussex
Dr James Fallon	james.fallon4@nhs.net	Director of Medical Education	Sussex Partnership

Rota Team

For queries relating to your clinical rota, please contact the following email addresses:

Amy Brown (Rota Coordinator at UHSx) - amy.brown43@nhs.net

University Hospitals Sussex Rota Team - uhsussex.brightonhealthrotateam@nhs.net

Sussex Partnership Rota Team – spft.medicalrota@nhs.net

Useful links

[Sussex Health and Care Research Training Hub](#)

[BSMS Events](#)

[University Hospital Sussex NHS Foundation Trust Events](#)

[NIHR ACF Guidance](#)

[NIHR ACL Guidance](#)

[NIHR Mentoring Programme](#)

[Academy of Medical Sciences](#)

[BSMS Mentoring Scheme](#)

[Sussex Health Research Partnership](#)

[Joint Clinical Research Office](#)

[Research Support Service](#)

[Population Health Academy](#)

[KSS Academy](#)

[Sussex Health Knowledge and Libraries](#)

[University of Brighton Service Desk](#)

UHSussex IT Service Desk – please call switchboard 01273 696 955