**Yorkshire Cancer Research (YCR) Connects NHS Academy Guidelines for Applicants – Round 1**

# Introduction

# The Yorkshire Cancer Research (YCR) Connects NHS Academy will enable Sheffield to establish the capacity necessary to undertake high quality applied clinical cancer research, with an expected increase in grant capture from YCR and other national peer reviewed funding programmes.

# Working towards Yorkshire Cancer Research’s goal of 2,000 fewer people dying of cancer, every year in Yorkshire, as an NHS Academy Fellow you will focus on clinical aspects of cancer research within the following priority themes which have been chosen to align closely with the Yorkshire Cancer Research strategy:

# Lung cancer

# Improving clinical outcomes in common malignancies

# Improved health and wellbeing with and beyond cancer

# Early diagnosis and access to treatment

The YCR Connects NHS Academy will enable clinical NHS staff with an interest in becoming research leaders in their field cancer related to be released from clinical duties for one day per week (i.e. 2 PAs for research active NHS consultants) over 1-2 years to develop a research idea/trial.

Throughout their time as a YCR Connects NHS Academy fellow, structured support will be made available from existing infrastructure. For their research day, fellows will be hosted within a University of Sheffield (UoS) Department, undertaking cancer research if more appropriate and mutually agreed.

**Funding**

Applicants must have the full support of their host organisation, with agreed

approval from the Clinical Director/ Direct line manager and Trust Research Lead to release YCR Connects NHS Academy Fellows from clinical duties for 2 PAs per week for up to 2 years.

It is anticipated that the NHS Academy will appoint up to 5 Research Fellows in one or two rounds.

# Eligibility

# Applications are invited from NHS clinical staff, from any disciplinary background, working at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STH). Only clinical staff whose proposed research focuses on clinical cancer research are eligible to apply to become a YCR Connects NHS Academy Fellow. Proposals should also be in line with the Yorkshire Cancer Research strategy.

Eligibility requirements include a track record of previous successful independent research experience such as, but not limited to, a Masters, PhD or MD; publication in peer reviewed journals.

We would expect fellows to demonstrate how this additional support would facilitate their future career and help Yorkshire Cancer Research achieve its goals.

The focus of the support available will be on developing national peer reviewed applied clinical health research.

# Management

It is expected that each fellow will:

* Develop at least one research application, which will be submitted within 12 months, with an award of a successful grant expected within 2 years . The appointee present their research idea and progress to a colleagues from host organisations and the University of Sheffield
* Provide a written update on progress, which will be required from each fellow for a formal review at 12 months with a final report at 24 months. inform both their mentors and host organisations of any changes to circumstances impacting on their ability to continue with or to make progress during their time with the YCR Connects NHS Academy.
* Commit to spending the 2PAs physically located within the academic department at the university

# Application procedure and selection process

Appointment to the YCR Connects NHS Academy will be awarded following open competition.

If you are selected for interview, you will be asked to give a ten-minute presentation to the panel, followed by 20 minutes for questions.

The panel will consist of members of the YCR Connects Executive (Professors Chris Newman, Sarah Danson, Allen Pacey, Jim Catto, Jim Wild, Jim Chilcott, Syed Hussain, Dr Paul Tappenden, Dr Stuart Griffiths (Yorkshire Cancer Research).

**Submitting your application:** The deadline for submission is 5.00 pm on 23 October 2020.

Your application must be submitted, by email, to Caroline Potts, [c.e.potts@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.potts@sheffield.ac.uk) with the required signatories.

# Timetable

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| 7 September 2020 | Competition opens for applications |
| 5.00 pm – 23 October 2020 | Closing date for submission of outline application |
| Afternoon - 20 November 2020 | Interviews held |
| Start date | Flexible within 6 months of appointment |

**Assessment Criteria**

Applications are assessed on the following criteria:

* Qualifications
* Experience of undertaking research
* Peer-reviewed publications from research undertaken to date
* Other outputs from research undertaken to date
* Impact of research undertaken to date
* Research funding
* Evidence of collaborations
* Long-term research career potential and commitment
* Proposed Research
* Fit with Yorkshire Cancer Research Strategy
* Relevance of the proposed research to the NHS
* Quality of plain English Summary

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