St. George’s University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Translational and Clinical Research Institute (TACRI)

Junior Research Fellowship Application

## Introduction

The Translational and Clinical Research Institute (TACRI), hosted by the Trust, is a joint virtual institute working in collaboration with SGUL to provide critical mass for clinical researchers, including doctors, nurses, midwives and other allied health professional (AHP) in the Trust. The Trust Research Strategy 2019-2024 aims to encourage research in all clinical areas at St George’s and to raise the quality and quantity of research studies that our patients have access to.

In particular, the Strategy aims to support staff who have research ambitions but have limited time in their clinical roles to design and deliver research studies as chief investigator.

Junior Research Fellowship (Full time or part time upto a year)

Senior Research Fellowship (0.2 or 0.1 FTE upto 1yr)

TACRI Research Fellowship Schemes

**What is funded?**

The Junior Research Fellowship scheme is designed to give junior clinical staff the opportunity and space to formulate research proposals, gather preliminary data and submit research grant applications. Particular emphasis should be put on the supervision and support required from established clinical researchers at the Trust. Funding available for full time position for 1 year. The scheme is not open to SGUL staff or those with joint appointments. However, collaborations with staff within SGUL will be encouraged.

Please contact TACRI should you need to discuss finding an appropriate supervisor tacri@stgeorges.nhs.uk

**Who should apply and eligibility criteria :**

Applications are invited from junior NHS medical staff i.e., foundation, core and specialist trainees.

* To submit and secure grant funding via St George’s NHS Trust to support clinical academic career
* Supervisor support from established clinical researcher is required to submit a valid application.
* Must be ready to start the Fellowship in August 2025 and complete it by August 2026.
* Show a clear intention in their application to pursue grant or PhD application.
* Where necessary there should be provisional approval from training program.

**Programme structure and support:**

There are various milestones expected to be completed during the fellowship programme and these include:

* Progression Report within first three months of Fellowship, 30 November 2025.
* Mid-term Report at halfway point of fellowship at 6 months, 28 February 2026.
* Final Report at completion of the Fellowship programme, 31 August 2026.
* TACRI Grand Round presentation, second quarter of 2026.

If milestones are not achieved by six months, the funding may be withdrawn.

TACRI can offer guidance with grant writing, study design, data analysis and statistical software training via the Statistical Consultancy Service and also help with funding for grant applications with the support of JRES.

**How to apply:**

The fellowship programme will commence in **August 2025**

Applications open: **4th November, 2024**

Applications close: **27th January, 2025**

Interviews for shortlisted candidates: **11th February, 2024**

If you are interested in applying, please fill in the application form below by strictly adhering to the guidelines provided in order to be considered. Completed forms should be sent to tacri@stgeorges.nhs.uk

For further information or to discuss outline proposals please contact Professors Debasish Banerjee and/or Heather Jarman (TACRI co-directors):

debasish.banerjee@stgeorges.nhs.uk & heather.jarman@stgeorges.nhs.uk

TACRI Junior Research Fellowship Application Form

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|  **PERSONAL DETAILS** |

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| **Full name**  |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Degree & Professional Qualifications** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **ORCID ID** |  |
| **Supervisors name, email, telephone**  |  |

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| **CAREER HISTORY** |

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| **EDUCATION/TRAINING** |

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| **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & COMMITMENTS** |

| **Current Research Commitments** Summarise any current research commitments *(Limit 100 words)* |
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| **Please provide an approximate breakdown of how your current appointment is divided between the following activities:** |
| **Service/Clinical %** | **Research %** | **Teaching %** | **Other %** |
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| **Please specify the other activity** *(Limit 100 words)* |
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| **RECENT RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS & GRANTS** |

| **Please provide any of your most recent publications relevant to this application listed one after another with a blank line between each one.**  |
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| **AREA OF PROPOSED RESEARCH** |

| **Research Title** Your full project title  |
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| **Aims and Objectives of Proposed Study** *(Limit 200 words)* |
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| **Summary (in plain English)** *(Limit 350 words)* |
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| **Scientific Abstract:** Please provide an overview of the proposed grant application *(Limit 250 words)* |
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| **Background and rationale:** What is the problem being addressed? Please provide evidence of why this research is needed now *(Limit 500 words)* |
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| **Grants/Funding:** Please list at least two funding opportunities, including their deadlines, that you plan to apply for during the fellowship. Additionally, explain how each aligns with your research question and confirm that you meet the eligibility criteria |
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| **Timeline:** Provide a timeline for completion of this work |
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**SUPERVISOR SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

This section should be completed by Supervisor

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| Supervisor name | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Supervisor email | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Supervisor signature | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Please detail the support available to the applicant during the TACRI Research Fellowship.***Outline a plan for supervision and development for the fellow? How will the fellow be supported to continue their researcher development after the fellowship? Please comment if the candidate will be able to deliver the project in accordance to the timeline above.*  |
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