St. George’s University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Translational and Clinical Research Institute (TACRI)

Senior 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.

TACRI Research Fellowship Schemes

Junior Research Fellowship (Full time or part time upto 1yr)

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

**What is funded?**

The Senior Research Fellowship scheme funds time or backfill for staff for a limited period to generate a research proposal, establish collaborations and write and submit successful grant applications. The funding is available for 0.2 or 0.1 FTE for up to one year. It is not designed to support otherwise unfunded research over the longer term. The scheme is not open to SGUL staff or those with joint appointments. However, collaborations with academic staff within SGUL will be encouraged.

**Who should apply and eligibility criteria :**

Applications are invited from senior NHS clinical staff; consultants or AfC Band 7 or higher.

* To submit and secure grant funding via St George’s Trust to support clinical academic career.
* Have full support of the care group lead and/or head of service and the divisional chair/director of nursing for the proposed arrangements is required to submit a valid application. Consultants considered will be less than full-time equivalent to five years in service.
* Must be ready to start the Fellowship in April 2025 and complete it by April 2026.
* Show a clear intention in applying for major grants and advancing fellowship application to pursue a career in research.

It is likely that successful applicants for this scheme will have had prior research experience. However, recent or extensive research success is not a prerequisite, and all applications will be considered on the basis of the likelihood of a successful grant submission.

**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, 31st July, 2025
* Mid-term Report at halfway point of fellowship at 6 months, 31st October, 2025
* Final Report at completion of the Fellowship programme, 30th April, 2026
* TACRI Grand Round presentation, last quarter of 2025

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 **April 2025**.

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

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

Interviews for shortlisted candidates: **11th February, 2025.**

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):

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TACRI Senior Research Fellowship Application Form

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** |

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Job title** |  |
| **Degree & Professional Qualifications** |  |
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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 a maximum of 10 of your most recent (last five years) publications relevant to this application listed one after another with a blank line between each one.** |
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| **Recent Research Grant Held –**  **This should include research grants held as a named applicant in the last 5 years – please include who the grant funder is and the amount of each grant.** |
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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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| **Care Group Lead/ Line manager Approval** |

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| **Care Group Lead** | **I agree that the project can be delivered in the time frame suggested** |
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| Signature |  |
| Date |  |