

# Job Description



## Clinical Research Fellow/ Senior Clinical Research Fellow in Sexual Health, HIV, and Infectious Diseases

### Institute for Global Health

**Grade:** CL7/CL8

**Full time:** 1FTE (36.5 hours per week)

**Duration:** 12 months in the first instance

**Department:** Institute for Global Health

**Location:** The Mortimer Market Centre,  
Bloomsbury, London, WC1E 6JB

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#### Reports to:

- Accountable to: Professor Richard Gilson (Director, Centre for Clinical Research in Infection & Sexual Health)
- Responsible to: Professor Sarah Pett, Professor of Infectious Diseases

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#### Context:

The Centre for Clinical Research in Infection and Sexual Health is part of the Institute for Global Health and has a research programme covering a range of studies from observational cohort studies to interventional trials for HIV infection and other sexually transmitted infections and viral hepatitis. This has included several COVID-19 studies including epidemiological and treatment studies since the beginning of the pandemic. More recently, the department has been involved in research studies on M-pox infection.

We work closely with the Centre for Molecular Epidemiology and Translational Research and the Centre for Pragmatic Global Health Trials. These centres host several infectious disease studies (including TB).

#### UCL Institute for Global Health

The UCL Institute for Global Health (IGH) is part of the Faculty of Population Health Sciences and located on four UCL sites (30 Guilford Street, Mortimer Market Centre, 90 Tottenham Court Road, and the Royal Free Hospital), and is at the heart of UCL's Grand Challenge of Global Health. IGH's vision is for a world where international policy on global health is informed by world class research.

Directly employing over 160 research, teaching, and professional support staff, IGH extends its impact across UCL and with our international partners through trans-disciplinary research. IGH generates an annual income in excess of £21M and teaches 280 students each year with global health modules and undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Our postgraduate programme includes MSc Global Health, MSc Health Economics and Decision Science, MSc Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology, and a PhD programme. Medical students are also taught by IGH staff as part of their fourth year MBBS programme.

IGH aims to support the development of robust solutions to aspects of the world's major global health challenges through scholarly outputs, education, public engagement, translational research and ultimately by influencing public policy and professional practice. IGH's global connections offer numerous research and funding opportunities as well. Our research links in Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa, China, and South America are particularly strong.

Equality and diversity are integral to our approach to our work. We hold an Athena SWAN Charter Silver award, are committed Friends of Out@UCL, and champion all aspects of equality.

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-health/>

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### **Main purpose of the job:**

The Clinical Research Fellow/Senior Clinical Research Fellow will gain broad experience of the design and implementation of clinical research studies through providing day to day support for a portfolio of on-going clinical trials and observational studies. They will have the opportunity to develop their own clinical research projects and will be supported to apply for doctoral or specialist training (as appropriate). There will be opportunities to participate in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.

Details of the role are as follows:

#### **A: Clinical research**

- Undertake 2-3 clinical trial clinics per week seeing patients participating in clinical trials as per trial protocol.
- Participate in the trial physician rota to be available to support recruitment and follow-up on designated studies.
- Be responsible for the completion of trial documentation (as a named sub-investigator) in liaison with the trial sponsors (including pharma and academic/NHS sponsors) and the research nurses.
- Adhere strictly to the Good Clinical Practice guidelines for the conduct of clinical trials.
- Consent and recruit participants to clinical trials/studies.
- Develop and undertake clinical research project(s) in STIs/HIV/infectious diseases and related conditions under the guidance and supervision of senior academic staff.
- Undertake other clinical research activities, in line with the general responsibilities of the post, as may be directed by their academic supervisor.

#### **B: Training and teaching**

- Participate in the programme of postgraduate meetings in the centre and clinical service.
- Contribute to the undergraduate and post-graduate teaching programme in the Institute. Subject to the regulations of the funding bodies, appropriately qualified members of research staff will be expected to contribute to teaching and/or other departmental activities. This may include supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate student project dissertations and marking. At the present time this is estimated to amount to a maximum of thirty contact teaching hours a year.

#### **C: Other activities**

- Meet regularly with supervisor(s) to review progress and to ensure that training needs are being met.
- Contribute to the academic life of the College.
- Attend postgraduate training courses relevant to the effective execution of the responsibilities of the post.

**D: NHS Duties**

- Under Consultant supervision, to be responsible for the clinical care of patients attending the GUM/HIV/hepatitis service including those participating in the clinical trials liaising with colleagues to ensure they receive the best standard of clinical care.

**E: Professional**

- Maintain registration and a licence to practice with the GMC.
- Ensure the best standards of personal and professional performance.
- Practice within the GMC code of Good Medical Practice
- Carry out research within the guidelines described in Good Clinical Practice (ICH) and the NHS Research Management and Governance Framework.
- Maintain a safe environment by adhering to the policies and practices of the centre.

**F: Continuing education**

- The post holder will be expected to be committed to continuing professional education and to undertake training courses as necessary within and outside the College.
- If eligible, the post holder will be encouraged to develop work which would enable them to apply for a funded fellowship and/or register for a higher degree.

**G: Other**

- Undertake relevant training to keep informed of current issues, policies, procedures, and legislation.
- Maintain awareness of, and observe Fire, Health, and Safety Regulations.
- Adopt and promote awareness of UCL's Environmental Sustainability Policy and other related initiatives.
- Commitment to UCL's policy of Equal Opportunity, and the ability to work harmoniously with colleagues and students of all cultures and backgrounds.
- Follow and actively promote the UCL [Ways of Working](#).
- Carry out any other duties within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the line manager.
- As duties and responsibilities change, the job description will be reviewed and amended in consultation with the post holder.

## Person Specification

**Note to job applicant:** Please ensure that you respond to these criteria in your personal statement. You will be scored on how you meet each criterion.

Criteria	Essential or Desirable	Assessment method (Application/Interview)
<b>Qualifications, experience, and knowledge</b>		
Full registration with the General Medical Council with a licence to practice	E	Application
Master's degree in a related area	D	Application
Clinical experience in GUM/HIV and/or infectious diseases	E	Application/Interview
Clinical experience of managing patients with HIV infection on antiretroviral therapy	E	Application/Interview
Knowledge of STIs and HIV medicine	E	Application/Interview
Research experience in an area relevant to GUM/HIV medicine	D	Application/Interview
Authored publications in peer-reviewed journals	D	Application/Interview
Experience of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and other forms of public presentation	D	Application/Interview
Knowledge and understanding of the principles and practice of clinical trial design, regulatory processes, and clinical trial management	D	Application/Interview
<b>Skills and abilities</b>		
Commitment to carry out quality research, leading to publication	E	Application/Interview
Ability to work both independently and collaboratively	E	Application/Interview
Excellent organisational, prioritisation skills and ability to manage time and work to deadlines	E	Application/Interview
Excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills	E	Application/Interview
Ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary team, and collaborate with other clinical researchers and research collaborators	E	Application/Interview
Quality ethical and professional standards in research and education	E	Application/Interview
<b>UCL Ways of Working</b>		
Committed to providing a responsive and helpful service	E	Interview
Making inclusivity, diversity and inter(cultural) awareness core to actions and decision-making for self and team	E	Interview
Making best practice an absolute priority	E	Interview

<b>Additional Criteria for appointment at Grade CL 8 (Clinical Senior Research Fellow)</b> For appointment at Grade CL 8 candidates will need to demonstrate that they meet the criteria listed above for appointment at G7 in addition to those listed below.		
PhD/MD or equivalent research experience	E	Application
Evidence of research findings presented (or invitations to speak extended) at conferences or similar academic events	E	Application/Interview
Papers co-authored with collaborators	E	Application/Interview
Evidence of effective supervision and mentoring of staff, and/or MSc and/or PhD students	D	Application/Interview

**This role is subject to an enhanced DBS check.**

## Apply

**To apply for this position visit:**

**[ucl.ac.uk/jobs](https://ucl.ac.uk/jobs)**

For informal enquiries about the role, please contact Professor Sarah Pett on [s.pett@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s.pett@ucl.ac.uk).

For queries about the recruitment and application process, please contact IGH HR Team on [IGH.HR@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:IGH.HR@ucl.ac.uk)

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