

CREATING KNOWLEDGE

Building a Research Career

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FIRST STEPS

- ▶ Postgraduate certificate or diploma
- ▶ MSc (Podiatry, Advanced Podiatry, Podiatric Surgery) or Pre-registration MSc
- ▶ NIHR online courses (GCP), CAHPR (Starting out in Research)
- ▶ Contact your Trust Research Office
- ▶ Join a journal club
- ▶ On-line research communities
- ▶ Be involved in delivering a research intervention

Portfolio Studies

NIHR CRN Portfolio Search

Staff with a valid Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certificate can take on roles delegated by the Principal Investigator within studies:

- ▶ Participant identification
- ▶ Informed consent
- ▶ Data collection
- ▶ Site File maintenance
- ▶ Delivering a research intervention

NIHR CRN Portfolio Search

Routes into research: Portfolio Studies

Benefits of Portfolio studies:

- ▶ You can dip your toes into research without having to write a proposal, seek funding, and go through ethical approval
- ▶ It can build up research contacts and experience in a clinical specialty.
- ▶ It can help bring innovative practice to the Trust by considering other ways of working
- ▶ Participants can receive more innovative care and benefit from alternative treatments or technologies for their condition

NIHR ROUTE

INTEGRATED CLINICAL & PRACTITIONER ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

- HEE Internship Scheme
- HEE/NIHR Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (PCAF) Scheme
- HEE/NIHR Doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (DCAF) Scheme
- HEE/NIHR Advanced Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship (ACAF) Scheme

Other Funding Streams

- Charities (Great Foundations, Diabetes UK, Nuffield Trust)
- Local Trust initiatives
- The College of Podiatry

Support

- Trust Research Office
- Research Leads
- College RD&I
- Clinical Research Network
- Research Support Service
- CAHPR

TOP TIPS

- Find a mentor
- Link up with other like-minded clinicians (locally or nationally)
- Networking
- Use your local library services
- Link with your local universities, podiatry school
- Find a statistician

BENEFITS

- Increase evidence base for podiatry
- Better outcomes for patients
- Opportunities for joint working/sharing knowledge & skills
- Increased job satisfaction
- Allows for use of new technologies

QUESTIONS



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