

South West Peninsula Postgraduate Medical Education

SWARM RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

****This post is only open to trainees currently on the South West Peninsula Anaesthesia Rotation ****

Applications are invited for the post of SWARM Research Fellow.

This would suit anyone currently in anaesthesia training (at the eligible post FRCA level, see below) who would like to enhance their CV in research/ leadership / management / QI & publications. SWARM leadership will arrange with their host institution that they can dedicate some of their working week to research or clinical trials.

Post to commence approx September 2025 for 11 months. The primary role of the SWARM Fellow will be to lead on the Trainee Research Network project pipeline, including both development and delivery of studies. They will be expected to support development of SWARM's current project investigating fatigue amongst anaesthesia residents.

The post will be embedded within the South West Anaesthesia Research Matrix (see www.ukswarm.com) Trainee Research Network and will provide the fellow with opportunities to meet their Stage 2 and 3 HALO requirements for the 1) Research and Data Management, 2) Management, Professional and Regulatory Requirements and 3) Educational and Training Domains of Learning in the 2021 Syllabus.

The successful applicant will be supported by their local trust to fulfil their position requirements through the allocation of 20% of their clinical training time towards research. e.g for those on 100 % wte this would comprise a day a week towards research. The fellow will contribute fully to their on-call rota contribution, this could be pro-rata for those already LTFT.

This time allocation has been agreed between the HEE Specialist Training Committee and local College Tutors, although specific departmental pressures and other learning requirements may adjust the time that can be allocated to the role.

These positions are offered with the consent and funding of the hosting department. There is no separate HE SW or other funding.

The fellow will be supported at local and regional levels by nominated SWARM consultant directors as well as the NIHR Research Delivery Network Anaesthesia PeriOp Medicine & Pain specialty lead.

The SWARM research fellow will be allocated a specific research educational supervisor and will be expected to record their progress using the NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship Academic Progress Report. This document will accompany them to their ARCP, although no formal academic ARCP is required in order to progress in the post .

Applicants must be motivated, research-interested, ideally research-experienced individuals who have a solid working understanding of how Trainee (a.k.a "Resident") Research Networks operate and who have the motivation and ideas to help this network to continue its development and story of success.

Further information on the research component is available from the current postholders or the academic supervisor team:

- Dr Lizzie Freeman SWARM Fellow lizzie.freeman@nhs.net

- Dr Alex Hunter SWARM Chair alexander.hunter2@nhs.net
- Dr Gary Minto (Consultant in Anaesthesia and Peri-operative Medicine, Derriford hospital and Hon Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor, PUPSMD gary.minto@nhs.net ,
- Dr Jeremy Fabes (Consultant in Anaesthesia and Peri-operative Medicine, & Dept Research Lead , Derriford hospital and Hon Senior Lecturer/ Associate Professor, PUPSMD) and NIHR RDN SW Specialty lead for Anaesthesia PeriOp Medicine & Pain jeremy.fabes@nhs.net
- Dr Tom Clark (Consultant ICU / Anaesthesia, RDUH NHS Foundation trust, Exeter and Director SWARM). thomasclark1@nhs.net

Trainees must have the FRCA by the date of interview and must be in ST years 4-7 by commencement of post.

To apply please email your CV and a short summary of your suitability for the post. (limit 250 words) to: Mr Joe Campbell, Education Programme Lead, at joseph.campbell4@nhs.net copy to gary.minto@nhs.net and alexander.hunter2@nhs.net

Applications will be accepted by email only

Application Window closes: 18 August 2025

Interviews: Date to be confirmed. Likely mid to late August 2025

We are committed to equal opportunities and welcome applications from all sections of the community regardless of gender, race, disability, sexuality or age.