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To find out further information about a career in Academic Medicine please visit the following website: <https://www.walesdeanery.org/specialty-training> where further details about the programme can be found.



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A CAREER IN:

Clinical Academic Training Fellowships

"WCAT provides a robust platform for intensive development, team leadership, innovative thought, and great mentorship. I thoroughly recommend it."

Wales Clinical Academic Trainee/Honorary
Senior Clinical Lecturer

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A career in Academic Medicine and Dentistry

Academic Medicine and Dentistry offers a mix of clinical medicine, research and teaching. This allows progression within a specialty of interest along with the potential to lead world class research and to contribute and lead teaching programmes within Medicine & Dentistry.

Is a career as a Clinical Academic for me?

A career combining clinical medicine, research and teaching might be for you if you are:

- ▶ Interested in basic and clinical research
- ▶ Enjoy teaching
- ▶ Enjoy writing
- ▶ Are looking for a career with a mixture of disciplines
- ▶ Keen to progress to consultant level in a specialty of your choice

Is my 'track record' appropriate for Academic Medicine?

Motivation and enthusiasm for research and teaching are the most important attributes to pursue a career in Academic Medicine and Dentistry.

Other useful attributes include:

- ▶ Exposure to medical research
- ▶ An intercalated degree
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Teaching experience
- ▶ Previous academic exposure (F1/F2)

Welsh Clinical Academic Training (WCAT) Fellowships

WCAT offers training for young doctors who wish to become future leaders in Clinical, Health and Biomedical Science within Wales. WCAT offers:

- ▶ Clinical training in a range of Specialities to CCT level
- ▶ The trainee to arrange a suitable three-year research project with the aim of a PhD
- ▶ Simultaneous training in Clinical and Academic research
- ▶ Development of teaching skills
- ▶ Current universities involved in the scheme include Bangor, Cardiff, Swansea and Glyndŵr

How will I be supported?

- ▶ During WCAT you will be expected to identify an educational and research supervisor to plan, oversee and support you from the start
- ▶ You will be allocated study leave as for other trainees
- ▶ An annual review of competency progression (ARCP) will be undertaken by HEIW
- ▶ Networking will be encouraged with other WCAT trainees
- ▶ Managing your own time and taking your own lead and initiative will be encouraged

There are opportunities to work in prestigious research centres worldwide (e.g. Wellcome Trust and MRC centres in London, other recent travelling scholarships include placements in Australia and Canada).

Over £2.8M has been awarded to WCAT trainees so far, with over 250 publications produced in the first 6 years.

How do I apply for WCAT?

The fellowship is designed for trainees at CT1/ST1, or above. Previous academic experience is encouraged.

It includes a funded 3 year PhD Training Fellowship and a period of clinical training with protected academic time in the latter clinical years.

Application is by structured questionnaire and interview.

There are a number of research departments contributing to research within the programme and it is recommended you approach Bangor, Cardiff and Swansea University to discuss your proposed research prior to applying for the WCAT programme.

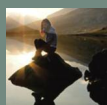
Research opportunities are available in basic science, clinical science, health informatics, epidemiology, education and many more areas.

What happens after WCAT?

On completion of training WCAT graduates would be expected to continue within Academic Medicine & Dentistry and to become research and teaching leaders within Wales.

You would be expected to create successful grant applications and progress within your field of interest.

You will also be expected to become a senior clinical lecturer and



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