

## **RCR Clinical Fellowship: Clinical Oncology Curriculum Rewrite**

### ***Need and purpose***

The RCR will be starting a major rewrite of the training curricula in 2017 to address some specific requirements of the GMC and the wish to provide curricula that are clearer and more helpful to trainers and trainees.

The GMC has established that all training curricula will be required to be based around a set of generic professional capabilities (GPCs). The GMC is also currently consulting on new Standards for Curricula and Assessment Systems (SCAR).

The current curriculum for clinical oncology (CO) reflects the trend at the time it was written for defining detailed lists of competencies. Current thinking (internationally, among UK colleges and at the GMC) is that curricula should be based around a smaller set of “outcomes” rather than lists of competencies. A restructured outcome-based curriculum would hopefully be clearer, simpler and possibly shorter.

The role of the Clinical Fellow will be to work alongside RCR staff and committee members to support the development of the curriculum and associated assessment system.

The Fellowship will start in early 2017 and last for 12 months, after which it is hoped that the curricula will be at an advanced stage ready for consultation and approval.

### ***Faculty/specialty and who is eligible***

The role is open to clinical oncology trainees in any UK programme. This opportunity will especially suit a senior trainee with a strong interest in education and who wishes to gain experience in curriculum development and assessment in the field of medical education. All applicants must be a Fellow or member of the College in good standing, hold a current licence to practise in the UK and be in active clinical or research practice.

### ***Time period***

Early 2017 for twelve months – exact dates to be mutually agreed

### ***Expected work activities***

These are likely to evolve over time as the project develops, but it is likely that the work of the clinical fellow would include:

1. Reviewing and advising on new GMC requirements and their implementation
2. Reviewing and advising on relevant literature relating to curriculum and assessment design
3. Providing a link between the oncological input from stakeholders and the administrative and educational perspective of RCR staff.
4. Drafting sections of the curriculum, based on stakeholder input

### ***Who you would be working with at the RCR***

Ruth Gibson, Curriculum and Equivalence Officer

Joe Booth, Executive Director Education

Kati Szeless, RCR Educationalist

Dr Graeme Lumsden, Chair of the Clinical Oncology Curriculum Committee

Dr Seamus McAleer, Medical Director Education and Training

### ***Time commitment/ways of working***

The Fellow will ideally commit one day a week (or equivalent) to this work.

Most work can be undertaken at the College or externally, and a desk and IT facilities can be made available in the College when needed. There will be a need to come to the College on occasions for meetings and discussions.

***Support***

This role is not funded but reasonable expenses will be met in accordance with the RCR's travel and expenses policy. RCR staff will provide administrative support.

***How to apply***

For an informal discussion about this role please contact [ruth\\_gibson@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:ruth_gibson@rcr.ac.uk) or [joe\\_booth@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:joe_booth@rcr.ac.uk)

Interested Fellows or members are invited to apply by sending in a short CV (maximum three sides A4) and an accompanying statement which should explain their interest in the role and their initial thoughts about the work to be done. The CV and statement should be sent to [ruth\\_gibson@rcr.ac.uk](mailto:ruth_gibson@rcr.ac.uk) by **20 January 2017**.

The criteria to be used for appointment to this role will be: –

1. Interest and experience in medical education at undergraduate or postgraduate level
2. Insight into issues around oncology training
3. Evidence of working successfully in a project team