



Clinical Innovation Facilitator

The University of Nottingham has allocated funding from the Higher Education Innovation Fund to establish and support a Nottingham Healthcare Innovation Platform (NHIP). The objective of the platform is to link clinicians and researchers to identify and develop solutions for unmet clinical needs. It is anticipated that some of the solutions developed will then be eligible to apply for follow-on development funding from a range of sources; other may be licensed or commercially developed.

Clinical Innovation Facilitators (CIFs) are essential to the delivery of the NHIP initiative. CIFs will be drawn from a variety of clinical backgrounds to ensure that the NHIP initiative can impact across a broad range of clinical areas from which applications to SIMUN are expected.

CIFs will work closely with clinicians and their teams to identify and clarify unmet clinical need, where a solution to the need would enhance the speed, quality, cost and/or effectiveness of patient care. CIFs will support the recording of the unmet need in an online platform. For those applications which are taken forward and where a potential solution is identified, CIFs will act as a bridge between the Academic Innovation Facilitator (AIF), the research team identified to work on solution development, and the clinician/clinical team which owns the application.

Both CIFs will be responsible for responding to queries from the Project Review panel, which in turn will be responsible for assessing the validity of a project in advance of decisions by the NHIP panel. The membership of the Project Review Panel will include individuals working in knowledge exchange, technology transfer, patient support groups, policy development and new technology adoption.

The skills knowledge and experience of Clinical Innovation Facilitators should include:

- Enthusiasm for sourcing solutions to unmet clinical need for patient and societal benefit.
- Experience of working as or with clinicians and/or in a patient-facing environment
- Excellent communication skills – listening, spoken and written
- The ability to liaise between different groups of people working on a project, to facilitate the optimal outcome
- An understanding of relevant clinical language and terminologies, and the ability to translate that language into a format that can be understood by non-experts
- The ability to contribute to the development of project applications and reports

Benefits of Clinical Innovation Facilitator role

- Contributing to the improvement of the quality of patient care
- Facilitating knowledge exchange between clinicians and researchers



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- Participation in the process of technological innovation
- Facilitating and supporting multi-disciplinary applied research
- Facilitating enhanced relationship between NHS/NUH and UoN
- Developing project management and communication skills
- Broadening understanding of product innovation, knowledge exchange and technology transfer
- Widening professional network

It is anticipated that this role will be undertaken on a part-time basis, around 0.5FTE, initially for a 12 month period. The role may therefore be a secondment from an existing role, or an additional role for employees currently working on a part time basis. The appointment will be to match existing grades.

To apply for the role: please send a Word document to Cathy Merry simun@nottingham.ac.uk detailing why you are interested in this opportunity and the skills you can bring to the role. Please confirm in your application that you have your line manager's support to apply for this role, and the earliest you would be able to start the role.

Deadline for application: Ongoing/rolling recruitment

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