



## 2023 UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network Nurse or Pharmacist Fellowship Award

One award of up to £1,750 will be made to a UK based nurse or pharmacist with an interest in dermatology clinical research. They will work with the UK DCTN to develop their clinical research skills as part of a two-year educational research fellowship. Funds are to cover relevant expenses incurred for the duration of the award and applications are welcomed from those in relevant roles such as a dermatology nurse working in secondary care, a primary care-based practice nurse with an interest in dermatology, a clinical research nurse specialising in dermatology studies or a community or hospital based pharmacist with an interest in dermatology.

The UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network (UK DCTN) is a collaborative group of over 1,000 dermatologists, nurses, primary care staff, health care researchers and patients/carers. Established in 2002 to provide much needed evidence for dermatology clinical practice, the aim of the Network is simple - to develop independent, high quality randomised controlled clinical trials of interventions for the treatment or prevention of skin disease. For further background information on the UK DCTN please visit our website [www.ukdctn.org](http://www.ukdctn.org).

The aim of the award is to develop skills in clinical trials and critical appraisal in year one and to then apply these skills in year two as the successful applicants become increasingly involved in the Network. You will be fully supported throughout the two-year award by staff at the UK DCTN co-ordinating centre (mentoring support can be provided on request).

### Year One

1. All expenses paid to attend the 'BEES – Better Evaluation of Evidence and Statistics' Course at Nottingham to understand the fundamentals of clinical trial interpretation and critical appraisal. The course is for 3 days, and the award will cover the course fees, accommodation and travel costs.
2. The further development of critical appraisal skills by working on a targeted reading curriculum with the UK DCTN Chair and other UK DCTN fellows. This will be facilitated via a series of video/teleconferences (3 across the year) along with time spent at the UK DCTN co-ordinating centre (see below). Please be aware that such meetings are likely to be held outside what you may consider to be normal working hours (typically 8am-9am or 5pm-6pm).
3. An opportunity to spend 3 days at the UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network base to understand the structure and processes of organising a national trials network. This visit will also involve finding out more about other aspects of the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology (CEBD).

4. Join the UKDCTN Steering Committee and attend all relevant meetings (2 to 3 per year) as a participant, and all travel expenses will be covered (for the two-year duration of the award).

## Year Two

1. The successful applicant will have the option to undertake some form of research and related publication activity. For example, they may join a trial development team, get involved in a feasibility project or become involved in a Priority Setting Partnership Steering Committee. Other opportunities for research development such as joining a systematic review team can also be pursued.
2. All expenses paid to attend the CEBD Annual Evidence Based Update Meeting. The programme for this includes presentations by European experts in their field of recently conducted randomized controlled trials, clinical viewpoints and systematic reviews.
3. Continue with membership of the UK DCTN Steering Committee.

Listen to Kathy Radley, 2017-2018 UK DCTN Nursing Prize winner speak about her experiences in this video <https://youtu.be/TWULQ8aCPHA> and further information about the award can be found at <http://www.ukdctn.org/fellowships/index.aspx>.

## Eligibility

- UK based registered nurse or pharmacist with some experience of/particular interest in\* dermatology research. (\*This can include being a member of a research team eg recruiting patients into a dermatology study such as BADBIR, research skills/understanding developed as part of a higher degree course such as a Masters or an interest developed during clinical practice. Please note the experience does not have to be related to current activities).
- You must be a member of the Network to apply (membership of the UK DCTN is free).

## How to apply:

Please apply using the relevant application form which can be obtained from the UK DCTN website [www.ukdctn.org](http://www.ukdctn.org) or from the UK DCTN Network Manager Carron Layfield.

It is important to note the following before applying:

- Fellowships are awarded solely on the basis of the submitted application and supporting references (no interviews are conducted).
- Additional references and supporting materials such as CVs will **not** be taken into consideration and feedback on unsuccessful applications will **not** be provided.

## All applications and informal enquiries should be made to:

Dr Carron Layfield, UK DCTN Network Manager, [carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk)

**The closing date for application is Monday 23rd October 2023 with the award to commence December 2023.**