

Applications for the Welsh Clinical Leadership Training Fellowship (WCLTF) for optometrists now open.

The Welsh Clinical Leadership Training Fellowship (WCLTF) has been running in Wales since 2013. Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) fund this opportunity for medical trainee, pharmacists and optometrists to take a year out of training/ employment with a focus on leadership. The trainee is fully funded with wages paid to cover the time out of employment. During the year, fellows have a wide and varied programme of leadership training including a taught element in medical leadership and the opportunity to shadow leaders from across health, education and training and network on a national and international stage with subsidised attendance at several quality improvement and leadership conferences. The trainee will do a project which is aligned to optometry and the project will take up about 70% of the time and the leadership programmes about 30%.

This is a fantastic opportunity for optometrists to learn and develop their leadership skills so they can help lead and take forward eye care in Wales.

There is one place available, starting in September 2021.

Who can apply?

A minimum of 4 year's post registration experience in optometry practice.

How do I apply?

Applications must be made via oriel. This is a portal for Medics and others to apply for jobs so does not look as you may expect. You will also need to register with the site if you want to apply.

<https://new.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/Vacancy/VacancyDetails>

You will need to search for the vacancy under 'medical specialties' as that's where the advert is hosted. Then in 'post type', applicants should search for 'Clinical Teaching Fellow'. You do not need to fill in any other boxes. The project handbook can be found under the 'documents' tab of the advert, this will detail all the project proposals. A copy of the handbook is also attached.

Applications will be Open from: **Wednesday 23 June 2021 12:15**
Closing: **Wednesday 07 July 2021 12:00**

Note late applications will be accepted.

When is the post for?

All posts are for one-year fixed term and commence in September 2021.

Where will I be working?

You will be working within an organisation in Wales – so either based in their office or within a health board, depending on which project you do.

Can I still do clinical work?

Yes but it is limited and this should be considered as a year of full time working.

Can I speak to someone about it?

We have two WCLTF currently doing a Fellowship and they are happy to be contacted for more information:

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For further information you can also contact Nik Sheen at HEIW before applying, Nik.Sheen2@wales.nhs.uk.