

Clinical academic medicine

Clinical academics are qualified doctors who combine working as a specialist doctor with research and/or teaching responsibilities.

There is a variable split between the roles. If your role is split 50/50, you will spend half the week practising as a doctor and the other half carrying out research and lecturing.

A clinical academic career can provide flexibility and variety and will also suit you if you have a passion for innovation, developing the future workforce and strengthening evidence-based practice.

Clinical academics exist in all medical specialties from anaesthetics to [epidemiology](#) ^[1], and from surgery to public health.

If you choose a clinical academic career, you'll make a vital contribution at every research stage - from early biomedical research understanding disease pathways, through to drug development and personalised medicine.

Want to learn more?

The [Clinical Academic Training and Careers Hub \(CATCH\) website](#) ^[2] showcases and promotes options, as well as providing practical advice on starting a career in clinical academia.

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