Bridging schemes are a way of providing support to clinical academics to build on their previous academic training and develop proposals for a pre or post-doctoral award, and take the next step on their clinical academic pathway.

As part of the changes being taken forward following NIHR’s Strategic Review of Training and feedback to both HEE and NIHR, a bridging scheme is being introduced to support individuals in ICA eligible professions who have completed or are about to complete a PhD and who are looking to undertake a post-doctoral level fellowship such as the ICA Clinical Lectureship. Pre-doctoral level bridging will also be provided for, but given the recently developed ICA Pre-Doctoral Clinical Academic Fellowship, the main focus of the scheme will be on post-doctoral level support.

The framework sets out guidance for how the scheme will work, eligibility criteria and provides parameters within which local HEE teams will manage the scheme.

**For information on bridging schemes in your area, please see contacts listed below:**

**North**

Including; North East, Yorkshire and the Humber, North West.

Contact us [6].

**Midlands and east**

Including; Central Midlands, North Midlands, West Midlands and East of England.

Contact us. [7]

**London**

Including; North and South London.

Contact us on email one [8] or email two [9].
South

Including; Thames Valley [10], Kent, Surrey and Sussex [11], South West [12] and Wessex [13].

Related Documents

- 2018-03 ICA bridging framework final (.pdf) 282.69 KB [14]

Related Content

Clinical academic careers

The Clinical Academic Careers Framework proposes an over-arching structure to develop the clinical academic workforce for patient benefit and a consolidated programme for non medical health professions. This forms part of our organisation's Research and Innovation Strategy.

Read more [15]

Research internships

Research internships offer an introduction to all aspects and roles across clinical academic research from trial design, data management through to undertaking practical research in a clinical environment.

Read more [16]


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