



Frequently asked questions for EBI Clinical Primer Scheme 2022

Q. *Do I have to have a specific project in mind when I fill in the initial application?*

A. You do not need to have a specific project in mind as at the application stage, we just ask for a brief summary of the area and type of research you are interested in. If you are shortlisted for an interview, we will match you with an academic supervisor and you will have an opportunity to discuss your future project at that stage. However, if you have an idea for a project and/or supervisor, please feel free to discuss it with the potential supervisor prior to submission. If you are selected for interview, we will request full project details at that stage.

Q. *Is there a way to combine the primer project with clinical work?*

A. The training period is negotiable (usually 6 months) and will allow time for one clinical session per week, if applicable.

Q. *Can the primer be undertaken on a part time basis?*

A. Yes. The primer is normally for 6 months at 1.0 FTE, however, it can be undertaken on a lower FTE and the term of the primer project extended. E.g. 0.5 FTE can be undertaken over 12 months. (Please note that all projects must be completed by 31 March 2023)

Q. *How much is the salary?*

A. The salary will be commensurate with your current clinical salary.

Q. *Do I need to provide full references?*

A. At the application stage we just ask for contact details for referees. If you are offered a Clinical Primer position we will then contact your named referees for a reference.

Q. *When will the interviews be held?*

A. The interviews will be held in April 2022 and if you are successful in reaching the interview stage we will confirm the exact date by the end of February 2022. The interviews may need to be held via video link depending on the Government and University guidelines in place at this time.

Q. *When will the Clinical Primer start?*

A. Most of our successful applicants have started their primer the following summer, however the start date is flexible and can be sooner or later than this if required. Please note that the primer position must be completed by 31 March 2023.

Q. *I require a visa to work in the UK. Can you help with this?*

A. All applicants should be entitled to work within the European Economic Area (EEA). Unfortunately we are unable to assist with any visa applications.

Q. *I have worked in research in the past; am I still eligible to apply for this scheme?*

A. The Clinical Primer scheme is primarily aimed at research naive clinical graduates. Whilst someone with research experience is still welcome to apply, it should be noted that due to the terms of this particular scheme priority will be given to those with a minimal research background.

Q. *Do Clinical Primers need Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks?*

A. Clinical primers who are not undertaking clinical sessions and thereby just doing clinical research will not require a DBS check. If they are doing clinical sessions as part of their honorary contract with an NHS organisation, the NHS employer will be responsible for carrying out the DBS check.

Q. *I am having problems downloading the application form.*

A. You are more likely to encounter this problem if you are using an NHS computer as they have complex protection software and often block downloads from external websites. Please email ebi-health@bristol.ac.uk and we can email you an application form.

Q. *Can a potential supervisor be a referee?*

A. No