

## Heartbeat Trust Fellowships in Clinical Research for Pharmacists



### About the Heartbeat Trust Fellowships in Clinical Research for Pharmacists

The Heartbeat Trust currently has two vacancies for 'Pharmacist Clinical Research Fellow'. This role will involve working a part of a multidisciplinary team in the implementation and oversight of cardiovascular and heart failure prevention research. Ongoing research includes investigator-led clinical trials building on the St Vincents Screening TO Prevent Heart Failure (STOP-HF) programme, which has recently been incorporated into North American clinical guidelines. The Pharmacist Clinical Research Fellow will report to the Director of Clinical Trials and the Research Director (both pharmacists) at the Heartbeat Trust.

The role will be ideal for someone with at least two years postgraduate experience in a patient-facing role and who has an interest in developing expertise and a career in clinical and/or practice research. Structured training Clinical Trials and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) will be provided and will prepare the candidates for the many and varied careers in clinical research.

Strong preference will be given to candidates interested in pursuing a masters or doctoral degree by research. Support for clinical research at the Trust includes data-management, statistical, basic science, medical, nursing and cardiac-physiologist expertise. Remuneration for successful candidates will be commensurate with experience and will reflect HSE pharmacist payscales. For candidates interested in pursuing a postgraduate degree, it will be possible to structure the Fellowship comprising a studentship (stipend) with university postgraduate fees.

This is an exciting time to join the team and a great opportunity to make a difference to our patients and research.

**Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.** To apply, please send CV and covering letter quoting the "*Fellowship in Clinical Research for Pharmacists*" addressed to CV Prof. Mark Ledwidge, Heartbeat Trust, 3 Crofton Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin or at [mark.ledwidge@ucd.ie](mailto:mark.ledwidge@ucd.ie)

### More details on the role of 'Pharmacist Clinical Research Fellow'

Each successful Pharmacist Clinical Research Fellow will be part of an active research team, with opportunities to lead their own research projects, and undertake a postgraduate qualification in clinical research.

The successful candidates will work with the clinical and research team supporting investigator site activities, overseeing clinical trial protocols, managing clinical trial participants, dispensing study drug, performing protocol based assessments and procedures and handling biosamples.

Clinical trial management will include handling safety information, regulatory support, developing SOPs and audit. Full on the job and structured training will be given.

Investigator site activities, will include collection and submission of regulatory documents for independent clinical research sub-studies, customisation and negotiation of informed consent documents, support the site's Ethics Review Board and Competent Authority communications, manage budgets with site personnel and internal teams, support and track site compliance including to required training, and effectively drive timelines aligned with protocol and research priorities

In addition to training in clinical research methods and GCP, instruction and support in statistical methods and data management will be provided.

### About the Heartbeat Trust

The Heartbeat Trust is a leading national heart failure charity. The multidisciplinary research and care team aims to lead the way in the prevention and treatment of Heart Failure as well in discovering and developing new treatment approaches for this complex and varied condition. Increasingly, the Trust is extending its research and services into community practice.

The principal activities of the Heartbeat Trust are as follows

- Increase public awareness of heart failure and support an early warning and prevention programme for people diagnosed with heart failure and those at risk of developing heart failure (the STOP-HF programme);
- Help vulnerable heart failure patients manage their condition in the community and in their homes by providing specialist services to these patients in the community thereby reducing A&E visits and unnecessary hospital stays by 40%;
- Carry out multidisciplinary translational research into heart failure prevention, causes and care in collaboration with international partners the School of Medicine and Medical Science, University College Dublin;
- Develop national infrastructure for patients, care providers, researchers, healthcare funders and healthcare technology companies to collaborate and personalise cardiovascular care maximising benefits, reducing risks and prioritising cardiovascular disease prevention.

The current clinical and research team includes physicians, pharmacists, nurses, cardiac physiologists, biomedical scientists, statisticians and management personnel. Formal collaborations exist with a number of internationally competitive universities as well as the Mayo Clinic and The Cleveland Clinic in the US. The Heartbeat Trust is governed by a Board of Directors, the members of which are voluntary and drawn from a wide range of backgrounds including medicine, research, healthcare management, business and the law.