



**QUEEN'S
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BELFAST**

SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE,
DENTISTRY AND
BIOMEDICAL
SCIENCES

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE

Queens University Belfast (QUB) has an international reputation in academic medicine and the strategic vision of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences is to develop and promote a world-class, research-led medical community. Recognising the need for the development of a cohort of appropriately qualified medical graduates, we are offering a research-intensive, trainee-oriented Specialised Foundation Programme (SFP) with the option of completing a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Medicine, that will provide high quality candidates with the research skills required to further develop their careers.

As Specialised Foundation doctors you will be taking the first steps along the path of integrating research ideas into your clinical practice. By developing a research project, collecting data, analysing and interpreting results and presenting your findings you will gain a range of essential research skills. This programme will provide you with the skills necessary to become a thoughtful and innovative clinician whether you chose to pursue an academic or clinical career path.

Research Projects: Research projects for Specialised Foundation Programme trainees are offered across the range of disciplines represented in QUB and UU and are supervised by experienced clinical academics. Trainees offered an SFP post will preference available projects and these will be allocated by NIMDTA. Please refer to the job descriptions available on the [SFP QUB webpages](#) for an illustrative placement timetables which are specific to certain disciplines. You should also liaise with your supervisor in advance of your placement to discuss your research project further.

Programme Delivery: The programme includes an introductory appraisal meeting to review the trainee's learning portfolio and agree the educational objectives for the SFP placement. In the initial period of the attachment the trainee will present the background and rationale for the planned research project to the supervisor and research group. Following a period of data collection and analysis they will deliver a further oral presentation of their research results. Upon completion of the attachment a 1000-word extended abstract summarising the research hypothesis, methodology, results and conclusions is to be submitted within three weeks. Trainees are expected to meet with supervisors in the months leading up to the post to maximise the usefulness of the four-month placement.

Course content: This certificate provides a wealth of opportunities to develop diverse research skills. See the [programme specification](#) for details on the educational objectives and opportunities.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have been admitted to an SFP placement by [NIMDTA](#) to QUB or Ulster University.

TUITION FEES

2025-26: £2,433

Trainees are responsible for payment of tuition fees. Further information on tuition fees can be found [here](#).

CLOSING DATE:

Applications should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to your SFP start date.

APPLY NOW

Application for admission is made via [Queen's Application Portal](#) and applicants should follow the step-by-step instructions on [how to apply](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION

- [Dr Emma Cunningham](#), SFP Programme Co-Ordinator, QUB
- **Postgraduate & Professional Development Office**, [SMDBS](#): pgoffice.smdb@qub.ac.uk
- [Clinical Academic Training Programme, QUB](#)