

GTG-UK Steering Group Early Career Researcher – Job Description

Location: Remote

Reports to: Steering Group Chair and Deputy Chair

Time commitment: approximately 4 hours per month; additional time may be required dependent on specific group activities.

Length of tenure: 2 years

Background

Gynaecology Trials Group UK (GTG-UK) is a national clinical research group specialising in ovarian, endometrial, cervical and vulval cancer trials. Our goal is to improve gynaecological cancer outcomes for patients across the UK through:

- Clinical trials
- International collaboration
- Early Career researcher development
- Patient, public and charitable involvement

The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) closed in June 2023, after over 20 years, leaving a huge gap in the co-ordination of cancer research across the UK. GTG-UK was formed to maintain the functions of the former NCRI Gynaecological Group, as per a national directive, and to continue formally representing the UK gynaecology community within international groups, such as, European Network of Gynaecology Trials (ENGOT) and the Gynaecologic Cancer Intergroup (GCIG). GTG-UK also collaborates widely with other clinical trials groups and charities in the UK. GTG-UK is a registered charity (charity number: 1216641), for further information www.gtguk.co.uk.

Role Summary

GTG-UK Early Career Researchers (ECR) will support the charity's research activities by bringing frontline clinical insights, participating in research discussions, and contributing to the development and delivery of projects. The role offers an opportunity to gain experience in research governance,

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ideation, and academic writing, with the potential to contribute as an author on publications arising from group work. The role also provides an opportunity to support and promote meaningful involvement and engagement of patients and the public in research (PPIE), helping to ensure studies are relevant, inclusive, and impactful.

The ECR will be required to attend the GTG-UK Steering Group meeting held 2 monthly and work closely with GTG-UK Operational team and PPIE members. This is a varied role that will also include working to shape PPIE in GTG-UK projects.

The ECR will take part in the biannual GTG-UK meetings shared with the Scottish Gynaecological Cancer Trials Group (SGCTG) and support and promote Gynae cancer research among other early career researchers across the country, supported by the Chair, Deputy Chair and Steering Group.

GTG-UK Steering Group ECR General responsibilities

- Attend regular group meetings, likely monthly, however meetings may be more or less frequent depending on the needs of the specific research group and flexibility will be required for this role.
- Provide early career research perspectives to help shape project design, priorities, and methodology.
- Contribute to development and review of research proposals, protocols, and study materials.
- Offer feedback and creative input on ongoing and emerging projects within the charity's research portfolio.
- Collaborate with senior researchers and other clinicians on research outputs.
- Participate in drafting, reviewing, or co-authoring academic papers, reports, and presentations where appropriate.
- Act as an ambassador for the charity in professional networks.
- Support patient centred and inclusive research practices.

Person Specification

Essential

- A medical doctor within 5 years from CCT (Certificate of Completion of Training).
- Demonstrated interest in cancer research, quality improvement, or evidence-based practice.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.
- Ability to commit to regular meetings and occasional project work.
- Enthusiasm for contributing to research that has real-world patient impact.

Desirable

- Previous involvement in audits, QI projects, or research studies.
- Experience writing or contributing to academic papers, posters, or abstracts.
- Interest in charity work, health policy, or research strategy.
- Skills in data interpretation, literature review, or clinical guideline development.
- Experience, knowledge, or a strong commitment to meaningful involvement of people with relevant lived experience and engagement in research (PPIE).

Anticipated outputs

- Presentations (local, national or international).
- Publications (abstracts and/or peer-reviewed papers).
- Opportunities to co-chair meetings (e.g. alongside a senior chair).
- Mentorship.

Values and conduct

- ECRs will be expected to sign a CDA and are expected to maintain strict confidentiality regarding all research discussions, draft materials, and unpublished work shared through GTG-UK. Information, ideas, and documents provided as part of this role must not be shared outside the group or used for any purpose other than contributing to the GTG-UKs research activities. This obligation continues after the individual's involvement with GTG-UK ends.
- We provide equal opportunities to ECRs of any colour, nationality, ethnic origin, marital status, religion or belief, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit:

- A brief CV (2 pages max)
- A short statement outlining:
 - How the applicant meets the essential criteria and desirable (if relevant)
 - motivation for joining the Steering Group and what the applicant hopes to bring to the group
 - relevant clinical or research experience
 - areas of research interest

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