



**The Roger Williams Institute of Hepatology
Foundation for Liver Research**

Principal Investigator/Group Leader in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Job Description

Post title:	Principal Investigator/Group Leader in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
Salary range:	£45,817 - £56,603 (including London Allowance)
Location:	The Roger Williams Institute of Hepatology Foundation for Liver Research, 111 Coldharbour Lane, London, SE5 9NT
Responsible to:	Dr Shilpa Chokshi, Acting Director and Chief Scientific Officer
Duration:	The post will be funded for 3 years in the first instance

Closing date for applications: 5pm Friday 27th August 2021

This will be a key position, joining the senior research team within The Roger Williams Institute of Hepatology (IoH) which is owned and core funded by the Foundation for Liver Research (FLR) (RCN1134579). The appointee will have primary responsibility for building a research group and research programme in NAFLD that directly contributes to the overarching strategic research programme of the IoH, which is aimed at understanding inflammation and mechanisms of liver cell injury and repair. All individual projects within the Institute's research portfolio have clinical translational objectives and cross-collaboration between the groups is strongly encouraged, as is the development of strong national and international research networks.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop and deliver innovative research strategies and clinically translational research programmes. These should be focussed on the aetiopathogenic mechanisms of Fatty Liver Disease progression and in particular the transition to Steatohepatitis, with an underlying aim of identifying novel, therapeutically targetable pathways. We would be interested in supporting research studies both in adult or paediatric Fatty Liver Disease and have in place several internal and external collaborations for provision of clinical samples and use of established models of disease.

The Foundation is seeking to recruit an exceptional, motivated individual and is offering a competitive salary together with a research support package which would include two support staff roles (research assistants or technicians), an agreed annual budget for consumables and fully equipped state-of-the-art research laboratory facilities.

The Institute of Hepatology is an independent research organisation directly managed and core funded by the Foundation for Liver Research. The Institute is affiliated to both King's College London and King's College Hospital and the successful candidate will have an honorary contract with KCL and the opportunity in due course to apply for an Adjunct position.

Key Responsibilities

- To develop and lead a research team including postdoctoral fellows and PhD students.
- To design and implement innovative research methodologies that add to the research and scientific skills within the Institute

- To lead in writing papers for publication in peer-reviewed and leading academic journals, including expert commentary in a variety of media.
- To grow the research team through successful application for external research grant funding
- To contribute to and develop collaborative projects within the Institute and with external research partners
- To develop and promote new opportunities for the Institute on a national and international level, in disseminating research findings and consolidating the Institute's international reputation through presentations and scientific meetings.

Essential Requirements

- PhD relevant to Fatty Liver Disease/Inflammation/Metabolic Syndrome
- Established record of independent basic science research including a history of obtaining research funding and effective management of research projects
- A strong first/senior author publication record in peer-reviewed journals
- Experience of leading/managing research teams and promoting scientific rigour and excellence
- Strong collaborative skills in order to develop productive interactions with researchers within the Institute as well as with forming links with other national and international centres.

To apply: please submit a detailed curriculum vitae that includes a description of research experience to date and a 2-page outline of future research plans. Please quote Job ref: RS45. **Send to:** Natalie Day, Chief Executive (E: n.day@researchinliver.org.uk Tel: 020 7255 9832).

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For informal discussions regarding the post please contact Dr Shilpa Chokshi, Acting Director and Chief Scientific Officer (E: s.chokshi@researchinliver.org.uk).