

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....

How does an Academic Career Pathway work?

In a nutshell, Clinical Academic Training programmes allow you to complete your clinical competencies alongside protected academic time.

Do I need to have a PhD to apply for an AFY?

NO! Only 7% of this year's applicants held PhDs

How many AFY posts are there each year?

The previous 2 years there have been 21 AFY posts advertised

I don't want to jeopardise a clinical place if I'm unsuccessful

The application processes are separate so that's not a problem

Do you miss out on clinical training?

No - Academic trainees are expected to meet the same clinical competencies as their non-academic colleagues

But I don't know what project I would want to do!

For the AFY programme, you're not expected to know

We have 15 trainees who have gone on to be Clinician Scientists, Senior Fellows or University Lecturers. 37 have won Wellcome Trust / AMS Starter Grants, 50 ACFs have progressed to PhD or equiv academic posts. Many at all levels have won prestigious prizes and published work.

What is looked for in a good application?

Strong academically, interest in research, good answers to the 'white paper' questions, evidence of a rounded person, who can relate to patients

Do I have to start my academic career NOW?

No - if you miss out on an AFY place, it will not exclude you from other academic programmes and opportunities in the future.

What are past trainees doing now?

What happens after AFY?

Trainees frequently move on to an Academic Clinical Fellowship or other academic opportunity

What if I decide the academic life is not for me?

You can return to a purely clinical path