

The Institute of Cancer Research: at a glance



Some major ICR discoveries

- We provided the first conclusive evidence that the basic cause of cancer was damage to DNA.
- We discovered the breast cancer gene BRCA2, which enabled families with a history of breast cancer to be assessed for future risk.
- We transformed care for advanced prostate cancer patients by discovering and developing abiraterone, a life-extending drug which is now treating hundreds of thousands of men.
- Since 2005, we have discovered 20 drug candidates and progressed ten new drugs into clinical trials.
- We were the first to show that PARP inhibitors have antitumour activity in tumours with DNA repair defects

The Institute of Cancer Research, London, is one of the world's most influential cancer research institutes, with an outstanding record of achievement dating back more than 100 years. We are passionate about our mission to make the discoveries that defeat cancer.

We are a college of the University of London and have a long history in training the next generation of cancer researchers, providing postgraduate MSc, PhD and MD (Research) degrees.

The Drug Development Unit (DDU) and Prostate Cancer Targeted Therapy Group (PCTTG), within the ICR, are some of the world's leading centres for phase I-IV clinical trials in cancer, and treat over 400 patients each year. The Units aim to seamlessly bring together preclinical drug discovery, proof-of-principle trials and tumour-specific evaluation of novel agents.

The vision is to provide fully personalised medicine, tailored to exploit the specific weaknesses of a patient's tumour at that point in time.

We are offering 12 month placements for graduates or sandwich course students



Dan Bar: previous placement student from Brunel University, who has since been promoted to a Clinical Data Manager in the DDU.

“Initially working as a CTA within the ICR gave me the confidence necessary to work effectively in a professional fast paced environment and to gain fantastic insight into the cutting edge of science. Working at the ICR has been a fantastic experience, ultimately leading to my promotion within the role to a Clinical Data Manager. This new role has allowed me to further my skills and confidence within the organisation, and as such, now feel a key part of decision making and collaboration within the team, closely working with doctors, nurses and other members of the Drug Development Unit. This is a fulfilling working environment which thrives on individuals drive towards the ultimate goal of potentially curing cancer.”

We have placement opportunities in our rapidly expanding leading clinical trials units, such as DDU and PCTTG, based within our partner hospital The Royal Marsden.

Our placement positions are designed to develop the skills required in clinical trial management sectors. The experience will support candidates to choose careers in clinical trial related areas, provide potential employment opportunities within the ICR and The Royal Marsden, an excellent prospect to work within a world class organisation. The placement positions are available for graduates or sandwich students, who can provide a 12 month commitment.

Placement Opportunities

The position is suitable for someone who is willing to develop their career in clinical trials, enjoys working with a variety of staff groups, has good organisation and time management skills and is keen to take up new challenges.

The post holder will also be part of an inspiring team with opportunities to participate in multi-disciplinary team meetings, develop an understanding on intricate clinical trial processes, gain deeper understanding of clinical trial methodologies and translational research. Relevant training will be provided in ICH GCP and Information Governance.

Primary duties of post holder will involve

- Clinical trial data collection
- Developing tools towards clinical data capture
- Supporting clinical trial data management & data co-ordination
- Maintaining trial files and essential trial documents within data management group
- Communicating with clinicians, nurses, study sponsors, external pharma partners

Our application process starts in January. The placement starts in June or July for 12 months. If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact Lydia Turner (lydia.turner@icr.ac.uk)