

Early Career Researcher representative on Management Board – Role Description

The Centre for Paediatrics and Child Health at Imperial College London has the overall aim of integrating all child health related research, teaching and clinical activities across Imperial Academic Health Sciences Centre.

The Centre was launched in November 2020 and has nine Core Research Themes and five Cross-cutting Themes (<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/centre-for-paediatrics-child-health>).

The Centre is led by a Director, Deputy Director and Management Board (with representation from basic science, education, clinical services, early career researchers, and the School of Public Health). There are also named leads for the Core Themes and Cross-cutting Themes.

Purpose of the post:

We are seeking to recruit an Early career researcher to join the Board members to help deliver the Centre's aims, which are:

- To map all paediatric, child health and well-being activity at Imperial across the entire research pipeline from pre-clinical, epidemiological, and population health science, through clinical, translational and policy research.
- To identify and formulate a strategy to fill gaps in our Academic portfolio, working closely with NHS colleagues.
- To support the coordination of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and ensure excellence in education.
- To ensure paediatric researchers, regardless of where they are based within Imperial, are aware of each other's activities and are supported to interact synergistically and grow their academic careers.
- To identify and help recruit both established and promising young researchers and bring them into Imperial College to ensure that there is a transparent and centrally supported process of succession planning.
- To ensure a strong website presence for the Centre, showcasing Imperial's strong academic presence in child health.

Who can apply:

The post is open to applicants who are currently members of the Imperial Centre for Paediatrics and Child Health (from medical as well as non-medical backgrounds including NMAHPs) working as an early career researcher, which is defined as:

- Not in a substantive NHS consultant post (if medical)
- Clinical / Non-Clinical Lecturer or Fellow (if employed by the University)
- No more than 10 years since their postgraduate degree (allowing for career breaks)

The successful candidate will be appointed for a 1-year term in the first instance. The role is unremunerated but offers an opportunity to play an important role in the development of the Centre.

Key responsibilities:

- Attend two-weekly Management Board meetings.
- Help to deliver the Centre strategy, especially relating to support for early career researchers.
- Liaise with early career researchers working across the Core Themes and Cross-Cutting Themes (Imperial College and NHS) and represent them on the Management Board
- Help organise monthly Centre seminars.
- Engage in raising the profile and awareness of the Centre internally and externally.
- Promote engagement and awareness of child health issues among the local population of North West London.