

Clinical Scientist Expressions of Interest 2027

Annually, NHS Education for Scotland Healthcare Science invites service expressions of interest for Supernumerary pre-registration Clinical Scientist or Clinical Perfusion training posts.

These supernumerary posts are a route for science graduates to join the NHS and train via a 3-year programme in a particular specialty that may also include an MSc. The endpoint of this training is either statutory Health and Care Professions Council registration as a Clinical Scientist or registration on the college register held by the Society of Clinical Perfusion Scientists.

This funding can be utilised for any professional group who have Clinical Scientist or Clinical perfusion training routes to support salary, academic fees (should an MSc be required) and travel and accommodation costs. Funding can only be used to support the trainee to attainment of statutory / professional registration dependent on the profession. It cannot be used to support further training and regular checks of the registers will be undertaken. As this funding is allocated to supernumerary training posts, we require an external recruitment process to be undertaken. The funding is allocated on a strict scoring system which considers factors such as alignment with national priorities and training capacity. We are gathering this evidence through this expression-of-interest process, **which closes end of day 30/08/2026**, for the September 2027 intake of clinical scientist / clinical perfusion trainees.

Should you have any queries, please contact the NES Healthcare Science core team at HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk

required

* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

Your details

1. Full name: *

2. Professional email address: *

3. Job Title: *

4. Department name: *

5. NHS Board: *

Application request

6. Training pathway funding is being requested for (please select one): *

- Trainee Clinical Scientist
- Trainee Clinical Perfusionist
- Trainee Genetic Counsellor

7. Do you represent a national consortium? *

- Yes
- No

8. Name of consortium: *

9. Number of training centres within the consortium: *

10. Number of trainee Clinical Scientists currently hosted across Scotland within the consortium: *

11. Specialty: *

12. Do you currently host any trainees within your department? *

- Yes
- No

13. Number of trainees currently in post: *

14. Number of trainees due to complete training within the next 12 months: *

15. Is post-training employment in Scotland assured for those trainees completing within the next year? *

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

16. Location of post-training employment: *

17. Please provide further details: *

18. Please explain why post-training employment is not assured and outline any mitigation measures: *

19. Number of trainees due to complete training within the next 1–2 years: *

20. Number of trainees due to complete training within the next 3 years: *

Workforce planning

21. Does this request align with any national strategies? *

Yes

No

22. Please specify the national strategy and describe how it aligns with this request: *

23. Current vacancy rate for the role into which this trainee would progress: *

24. Number of staff within the role into which this trainee would progress who are expected to retire in the next 5 years: *

25. Are any of your services or functions dependent on a single Clinical Scientist, Clinical Perfusionist, or Genetic Counsellor? *

Yes

No

26. Please provide details *

Training

There are various training pathways that this fund supports: ·

Scientist Training Programme (STP) overseen by the National School of Healthcare Science which requires the trainee to complete an M Level qualification, a portfolio of evidence and a viva prior to gain a Certificate of Completion which enables HCPC registration.

STP-equivalence requires the trainee to undertake an equivalence programme of in-service training resulting in the preparation of a portfolio of evidence based on Good Scientific Practice and a viva, assessed by the Academy of Healthcare Science resulting in a Certificate of Attainment which enables HCPC registration. The trainee can also undertake equivalence with The Association of Clinical Scientists (ACS) Route 2. This requires the trainee to prepare a portfolio of experience and undergo a viva assessed by the Association of Clinical Scientists resulting in a Certificate of Attainment which enables HCPC registration.

27. Number of trainee posts requested for the 2027 intake: *

28. Training pathway the trainee(s) will follow: *

- STP
- STP Equivalence
- Perfusion

29. Specify the relevant Scientist Training Programme (STP / NSHCS): *

30. What is the anticipated duration of training? (Please include time to registrar) *

31. Please indicate any factors that may extend the duration of training *

32. Are there any academic requirements? *

- Yes
- No

33. University programme to be undertaken: *

34. Estimated academic fees: *

35. Please outline any block release / face-to-face requirements: *

36. Does the training programme require rotations to other specialisms *

- Yes
- No
- Dont know

37. Specify the specialism(s) and length of placement(s): *

38. Have these rotations been discussed and agreed prior to submitting this expression of interest? *

- Yes
- No (you will be asked to confirm once funding is agreed)

39. Please provide details: *

40. Is there an agreed training programme or plan outlining the trainee's requirements, including all necessary rotations? *

Yes

No

41. Please provide brief details: *

Quality Assurance

NES has a robust Quality Assurance Monitoring scheme, details of which can be found on our website. If you are successful in attaining funding you will be asked to sign up to these requirements prior to any funds being received

42. Please tick the most appropriate statement *

- We have previously hosted a trainee, are aware of the QA processes, and agree to adhere to them.
- We have not previously hosted a trainee, but are aware of the QA processes and agree to adhere to them.
- We are not fully aware of the QA processes and would welcome further discussion prior to agreement.

43. Providing the trainee with study time over and above time allocated for mandatory training is critical. Please outline how this will be achieved: *

44. Do you have sufficient training capacity for the number of trainees requested? *

- Yes
- No

45. Please provide brief details *

46. How do you plan to mitigate this prior to the trainee intake? *

47. Please outline the assessment structures that you will use (tick all that apply): *

- Internal Viva
- External Viva
- DOP
- CBD
- OCE
- Written competencies
- Other

48. Are all trainers/supervisors supporting the trainee aware of training and assessment requirements (e.g. DOPs, CBDs, OneFile for STP)? *

- Yes
- No

49. Please outline what further training / information is required. *

Any further comments

50. Please provide any further information to support your application:

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