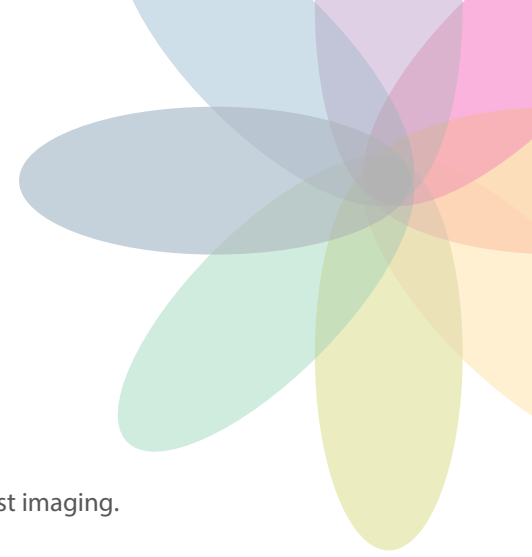


National Breast Imaging Academy

Radiology Fellowship Programme



The National Breast Imaging Academy (NBIA) has been established to address the breast imaging workforce shortages in England and to raise the profile of careers in breast imaging.

As part of this an exciting new breast radiology fellowship programme, part-funded by Health Education England (HEE), has been set up. This is a national collaborative venture to offer a prestigious fellowship programme designed to promote excellence in breast imaging, challenge the most talented individuals, provide the leaders, educators and researchers of the future and offer a route into breast radiology for radiologists with no previous experience in breast. The programme is set to run for three consecutive years with an intake of ten fellows per year, starting in 2019.

What are the aims of the fellowship programme?

- Establish a gold-standard fellowship programme to raise the profile and prestige of breast imaging
- Provide enhanced training in breast imaging above and beyond RCR higher breast training
- Offer a route into breast radiology for consultant radiologists with no previous breast experience
- Equip talented fellows to become the leaders, educators and researchers of the future
- Use the pooled expertise and experience of the breast imaging community to deliver world-class training

How will it work?

Post-CCT fellows will undergo a competitive centralised recruitment process to be placed in a selected number of breast units (that meet pre-defined eligibility criteria) across England, where the majority of their training will be delivered. This will be supplemented by bespoke study blocks where the fellowship cohort will receive expert teaching and benefit from networking opportunities. Fellows who are interested in developing their skills in research, leadership and teaching will be encouraged and supported to do so and the NBIA will facilitate access to opportunities to progress in these areas.

How are these posts funded?

The NBIA has secured funding from HEE of £30,866 towards each of these fellowship posts. This equates to approximately half of the total cost of each fellow (based on 2019/2020 costs). Eligible breast centres wishing to host a fellow must secure the remaining funding.

How long are the fellowships?

The duration of the fellowship is 12 months if working full time (or the equivalent duration if working less than full time).

What do the fellows offer?

NBIA radiology fellowships are specifically designed to be single subspeciality training opportunities in breast. Fellows will train in various aspects of breast imaging whilst supporting general radiology service delivery. On call is not a requirement of the fellowship however if there is a service need this will be negotiated locally and paid for by the host site.



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Who can apply?

- UK radiologists who have achieved their CCT
- UK radiology trainees who will achieve CCT before the start of the fellowship
- Overseas radiologists with equivalent qualifications (must also meet the International Sponsorship Scheme criteria if applicable)

Can my breast unit become a host centre?

Yes, subject to:

1. Meeting the host centre eligibility criteria
2. Securing the remaining funding for the post (the NBIA has developed a template business case to assist with this process)
3. Having sufficient training capacity to host a fellow in addition to existing trainees

How are fellows allocated to centres following centralised recruitment?

A list of eligible host centres will be made available to shortlisted candidates prior to interview. The candidates will rank the host centres in order of their preference. Successful candidates will be matched to sites based on interview scores and their order of preference.

What are the timescales?

- Posts are currently being advertised with a closing date of 29th April 2019
- Host site approval: 15th May 2019
- Shortlisting: 15th May 2019
- Interviews: 3rd June 2019
- Confirmation of placements: 17th June 2019
- Fellowships commence: September 2019

How do we apply to become a host centre?

- Email: breastacademy@mft.nhs.uk
- Complete an eligibility checklist and hospital application form, which will be reviewed by the NBIA
- Secure funding from host Trust and confirm this by 5th May 2019 (to be included as a host centre for 2019 intake)

How can I find out more?

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- Website: www.nationalbreastimagingacademy.org

