

***BCIS Interventional Fellowship 2017
(Adelaide)
– start date March 2017***



BCIS-Medtronic Australian Interventional Fellowship 2017

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We are pleased to invite applications for the 2017 BCIS Medtronic Australian Interventional Fellowship. This 12-month fellowship starting in March 2017 provides an opportunity to gain extensive experience in all aspects of interventional cardiology in a busy Australian teaching hospital.

The successful candidate will spend a year at the Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, South Australia under the supervision of Dr Julian Vaile.

Access to the fellowship will be limited to UK Specialist Registrars, intending on a career in interventional cardiology, who are in their last two years of training.

This post is funded by contributions from the host institution, an unrestricted educational grant from Medtronic and BCIS. Please follow the links to the right to find further information relating to the fellowship hosting centre, training and research opportunities within the programme, and details of the application process.

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Fellowship Program

Flinders Medical Centre is an interventional hospital in Adelaide, South Australia. It provides a cardiology service for diverse areas: from urban Adelaide to rural South Australia and the Northern Territory. This leads to a large caseload of both acute and elective cases (including primary PCI, rotablation, IVUS, pressure wire assessment and chronic total occlusions). Over 70% of cases are performed via the radial route. The fellow can expect to complete in excess of 500 PCI cases.

Flinders Medical Centre has a well established TAVI and structural heart disease programme (PFO/ASD closure/ Mitraclip) that the fellow will be actively involved with.

Multiple interventional research opportunities are available. The interventional fellow will be encouraged to develop a research project leading to presentation and publication. Attendance at regional and national meetings is encouraged.

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Dr Jeremy Langrish during his fellowship post in

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The BCIS Interventional Cardiology Fellowship is based at the Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders Private Hospital in Adelaide. Flinders is a medium sized tertiary centre, currently performing around 900 PCIs annually (around 150 STEMIs), as well as having a well established structural heart programme (TAVI, mitral and aortic valvuloplasty, Mitraclip, and ASD/PFO closures). The cath lab is situated in the private hospital, and around 40% of the workload is private and 60% public (Medicare), and certainly offers an interesting insight into healthcare systems other than the NHS. The hospital covers a huge area, with a large remote community covering the whole of South Australia, and has a close link with Darwin in the Northern Territory – inter-hospital transfers are on another scale to the UK!

As the Interventional Fellow at Flinders, you will be based in the cath lab for 9.5 sessions a week, with your only other commitment being a Monday morning clinic where you will be seeing predominantly patients referred to the TAVI programme. You will be able to perform at least 4-500 first/solo operator PCIs, and be heavily involved in the structural heart programme. The department is involved in a number of trials, including first-in-man device trials. The cath lab team is small, and you will become an integral part of an excellent team of doctors and nurses. You can opt to do as much out-of-hours “on-call” as you wish, but are only on-call for the cath lab and have no commitment to general cardiology (other than 4-5 Sundays through the year).

Adelaide’s dry and hot Mediterranean climate is a welcome change to the UK and we have essentially lived outdoors for the whole year. The summer temperatures can be hot (up to mid 40’s) and the winter rarely drops below 10°C. The beaches are amazing, with white sand and clear water, and my family and I have spent a lot of time here – almost feels like a year-long holiday at times! There are superb restaurants in the city, and the local wine is exceptional, with the Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale, the Barossa and Clare Valleys a short drive away.

Organising a fellowship in Australia is a bureaucratic process, and those interested may be apprehensive about making such a big move (especially with young families), but I cannot recommend taking the step highly enough. We, like previous fellows, have had an amazing year, and are sad that it is coming to an end.

I would be delighted to answer any questions you might have and to discuss the post further. Please feel free to contact me at jeremylangrish@gmail.com.

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The Application Process

Access to the fellowship will be limited to UK trainees in their last two years of Specialist Registrar training who intend to specialise in Interventional Cardiology and are BCIS members. The supervising consultants act on behalf of the BCIS Training and Education Group.

The successful candidate will be identified by means of formal interview. The interview panel will be made up of several independent consultant cardiologists from multiple centres.

The fellowship will be awarded based upon the candidate's career development, interventional experience and performance at interview.

If you would like to register your interest in this opportunity, please submit by email (bcis@bcs.com) a detailed curriculum vitae (this should include a personal statement and procedural numbers) AND letters of support from two supervisory consultants to Azeem Ahmad, BCIS Secretariat, Tel: +44 (0)20 7380 1918.

The deadline for applications is 12pm, Thursday 3 March 2016.
Shortlisted candidates will be informed by Thursday 10 March 2016.

N.B Interviews will take place on 29 April 2016, British Cardiovascular Society Office, 9 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 5HW. The successful candidate will be required to enter into a contract to take up their post in Adelaide in March 2017.

The fellowship bursary will be paid to the institution and not to an individual. The salary support provided will be commensurate with the local academic pay scale. The fund in question will be at the receiving institution in Australia and the candidate will be paid a regular salary in Australian Dollars from that fund. The selected fellow is in no way considered to be an employee of Medtronic.

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