

**CANDIDATE BRIEF**

Associate Professor in Clinical Trials (Cancer Division), Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research



Salary: Grade Grade 9 (£[56,021 - £64,914](https://hr.leeds.ac.uk/salary_scale?grade=9) p.a. depending on experience)

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**Overview of the Role**

The [Leeds Cancer Research UK Clinical Trials Unit (CTU)](https://medicinehealth.leeds.ac.uk/dir-record/research-groups/904/the-leeds-cruk-ctu-based-at-leeds-ctru) at the [Leeds](https://medicinehealth.leeds.ac.uk/leeds-institute-clinical-trials-research) Institute of Clinical Trials Research is an international leader in the field of clinical trials. The Unit is one of the largest in the UK and is one of only 7 clinical trials units to receive a prestigious infrastructure award from Cancer Research UK. We conduct national and international early phase and late phase clinical trials specialising in blood cancers, treatment with radiotherapy, and colorectal cancer.

Our main aim is to support the challenge of changing clinical practice for the better and our past results and current work have already helped to do this. Our results inform the academic development of this specialised field of clinical research on a national and international level. Particularly, we specialise in complex phase III trials, efficient phase I/II trials, biomarker driven designs, seamless phase II/III designs, adaptive designs and the development and evaluation of complex interventions.

As part of our recently renewed CRUK infrastructure award, we have the exciting opportunity to expand our team of innovative and enthusiastic methodologists to include an additional two Associate Professors in Cancer Clinical Trials.

You will be a talented and dynamic leader with a national reputation in clinical trials research and the ability to develop and lead research portfolios. You will have extensive applied experience in clinical trial statistics and project and people management.

You will lead a large, well-established group of statisticians and will lead a portfolio of trials designed to answer questions of real importance that will ultimately develop the clinical pathway to improved disease outcomes and patient care in cancer.  You will provide the strategic lead and supervision for implementation and development of a portfolio of trials within the CTU.

You will have an external facing role presenting at national and international conferences and represent the CTU on national committees. You will engage with national leaders to drive strategically aligned research priorities with multiple stakeholders including clinicians, patients, the NHS, industry and charities, and will represent Leeds in the CRUK CTU Network of multidisciplinary clinical trial researchers.

This role will provide you with an excellent opportunity to take on a challenging leadership position and develop your international profile within a supportive and stimulating environment.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

As an Associate Professor in Clinical Trials, your main duties will include:

* Leading and developing multi-disciplinary teams to conduct and deliver clinical trials research which produces quality research outputs and contributes both to real-world impact and innovation, whilst winning prestige for both the Institute and the University.
* Contributing to the strategic academic development, direction and leadership of the CRUK CTU, Institute and School as well as representing the University externally.
* Leading, contributing, establishing and maintaining a high-quality record of research outputs, leading internationally recognised publications and achieving sustained high levels of research funding for impactful and innovative national and international clinical trials.
* Developing and delivering financially sustainable portfolios of internationally excellent clinical trials research and promoting, utilising and where possible developing novel clinical trial designs that are statistically robust and deal with real-life issues in trial design.
* Shaping future research directions, establishing strategic partnerships, building interdisciplinary links within the University and with national and international partners. This includes strategically promoting clinical trials methodologies and activities with multiple UK stakeholders including clinical groups, patients, the NHS, industry and charities.
* Leading major initiatives and/or multidisciplinary areas of work which improve School, Faculty or University performance.
* Creating an environment where Institute statisticians can progress and develop in their roles and careers, whilst thinking strategically about staff retention and development.
* Supporting the ongoing development and implementation of rigorous trial conduct, legal, ethical and regulatory requirements within practice and Standard Operating Procedures. Maintaining understanding of the regulatory and governance environment and assessing potential of impact on clinical trials and research.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

**Qualifications and skills**

Essential

* A PhD or other doctorate in a relevant discipline or equivalent research experience.
* Extensive applied experience of cancer clinical trials as a lead statistician.
* A track record of research and publication meeting international standards of academic excellence.
* Evidence of leadership, communication and team working skills to effectively manage multi-disciplinary teams.
* Evidence of networking and profile-raising skills including experience of leading national multi-professional research and effective engagement influencing national research agendas.

Desirable

* Experience of PhD supervision, acting as supervisor to successful doctoral graduates.
* Ability to build partnerships with industrial, professional and public sector organisations on interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and funding.

  Key Attributes

* Ability to build trust to ensure engagement and commitment within teams.
* Ambitious and imaginative academic leadership.
* Understanding of the principles of research-led teaching.
* Ability to deliver an excellent student experience.

**Additional information**

**Working at Leeds**

We are a campus-based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjobs.leeds.ac.uk%2Fdisplay.aspx%3Fid%3D1697%26pid%3D0&data=05%7C01%7CT.H.StDavid-Smith%40leeds.ac.uk%7C7e10c3a30b00419196da08da90b965bd%7Cbdeaeda8c81d45ce863e5232a535b7cb%7C1%7C0%7C637981423187403559%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cqul8lI0qvvaCuI6WRN6mVC6oIwQ1L8B8tIZUM4asrc%3D&reserved=0) information page.

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**Criminal record information**

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any ‘unspent’ criminal offences, including those pending.

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