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<th>Job title</th>
<th>Clinical Research Fellow – Blood-Stage Malaria Programme</th>
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<td>Division</td>
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<td>Nuffield Department of Medicine, Jenner Institute</td>
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<td>Location</td>
<td>Centre for Clinical Vaccinology &amp; Tropical Medicine, Roosevelt Drive, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7LE</td>
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<td>Grade and salary</td>
<td>Grade E64: £32,569 - £52,200 per annum</td>
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<td>Fixed-term for 24 months in the first instance (with possibility of extension)</td>
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<td>Reporting to</td>
<td>Professor Simon Draper / Dr Angela Minassian</td>
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<td>Additional information</td>
<td>Owing to the nature of this position, any offer of employment with the University will be subject to a satisfactory security screening and the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust issuing an honorary contract, or a Research Passport, to allow you to undertake the necessary work. This position is funded by European Commission.</td>
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The role
Professor Simon Draper’s research group at the Jenner Institute is focused on developing innovative blood-stage vaccine candidates against the asexual-stage of the malaria parasite, testing them in pre-clinical studies with an aim to progress the most promising candidates to clinical trials. A number of vaccine candidates are currently being tested in Phase I/IIa clinical trials in Oxford. These include vaccines against both *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax*. We have recently been awarded major European Union Horizon 2020 grants to establish a *P. vivax* challenge model in Europe for the first time and utilise this to develop effective vaccines against multiple lifecycle stages of *P. vivax*, as well as to develop novel vaccines against *P. falciparum*. We actively collaborate with a large number of academic and industrial partners.

The research group has a strong translational focus, seeking to develop innovative and new concepts in vaccine or antibody-based design and delivery. Over the last seven years we have translated nine vaccine candidates, including viral vectors and recombinant proteins, into Phase Ia and Ila clinical trials to evaluate the safety and immunogenicity in healthy volunteer subjects in the UK, including experimental malaria challenge studies to test vaccine efficacy. A number of these trials are conducted with academic and industrial collaborators at both a national and international level.
The group has a strong record of attracting external grant funding, a strong publication record, and has expanded significantly in recent years. We aim to foster scientific excellence within a friendly, open and free-thinking environment. There is a strong translational emphasis, with full integration of the clinical and laboratory teams.

We are now looking for a Clinician to play an active role in the design and execution of clinical trials of malaria vaccines for the blood-stage group at the Jenner Institute.

For more information about the group, see: http://www.jenner.ac.uk/blood-stage-vaccines

Informal enquiries about this post can be addressed to: simon.draper@ndm.ox.ac.uk or angela.minassian@ndm.ox.ac.uk

Responsibilities

You will play an active role in the design and execution of clinical trials of malaria vaccines and human malaria challenge studies in Oxford and will:

- Provide clinical input into the design and execution of clinical trials with other team members;
- Work closely with the clinical trials team including Chief Investigator, project managers, nurses, recruitment coordinator and data manager in the design and conduct of clinical trials;
- Carry out screening and vaccination of volunteers according to the protocol;
- Present results as a verbal presentation or written report for both internal meetings and those with external collaborators;
- Administrative work involved in the trials including drafting of protocols, ethical applications, advertising and recruitment, data management and analysis;
- Maintain complete, accurate, organised study files;
- Be on-call as needed for adverse events and microbial challenge studies;
- Be involved as part of the wider Draper research group, including attending weekly lab group meetings;
- Participate in and support the public engagement and widening access activities of the Department and the University. This is anticipated to be not more than 2 days per year;
- Undertake mandatory training as required by the University, Division and Department. The specific list of training courses may change from time-to-time, in response to both legal and internal University requirements.

All employees need to ensure that their work in the laboratory is conducted safely at all times and, in particular, that work is undertaken following the appropriate health and safety policies and procedures for the particular area, without compromise to their own safety or that of others who may be affected.

Pre-employment screening

All offers of employment are made subject to standard pre-employment screening, as applicable to the post.

If you are offered the post, you will be asked to provide proof of your right-to-work, your identity, and we will contact the referees you have nominated. You will also be asked to complete a
health declaration (so that you can tell us about any health conditions or disabilities so that we can discuss appropriate adjustments with you), and a declaration of any unspent criminal convictions.

We advise all applicants to read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures, found at: [www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/preemploymentscreening/](http://www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/preemploymentscreening/).

**Hazard-specific / Safety-critical duties**

This job includes hazards or safety-critical activities. If you are offered the post, you will be asked to complete a health questionnaire which will be assessed by our Occupational Health Service (OHS), and the offer of employment will be subject a successful outcome of this assessment.

The hazards or safety-critical duties involved are as follows:

- Working with infectious pathogens (hazard group 2/3) - Hazard Group 3 pathogens
- Working with blood, human products and human tissues
- Work in clinical areas with direct contact with patients (NOT administrative roles)
- Work with any substance which has any of the following pictograms on their MSDS:
  
  ![Pictograms](image)

- Travel outside of Europe or North America on University Business

**Additional security pre-employment checks**

This job includes duties that will require additional security pre-employment checks:

- A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check due to access to administration of highly sensitive personal information.

**Selection criteria**

**Essential selection criteria**

- GMC registration; you must be currently qualified and licensed to practise medicine in the UK (Foundation Year 1 and 2 training completed);
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills for a wide range of audiences;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to be comfortable and confident interacting with volunteers and patients in a research study, clinical research co-ordinators, team members, laboratory and administrative staff, monitors, collaborating company representatives, MCA auditors and the broader research community;
- Requires flexibility in the hours worked, as some out of hours work is required (especially during challenge studies) but this can be taken back as time off in lieu;
- Excellent IT skills, including email, word processing, spreadsheets and databases.

**Desirable selection criteria**

- Experience working with clinical studies, including ethics, GCP, documentation;
- Previous laboratory experience relevant to malaria or infectious disease research;
- Experience or an ability to use statistical software programmes;
- Knowledge of immunology;
- Holding a MRCP or MRCS (UK).
About the University of Oxford

Welcome to the University of Oxford. We aim to lead the world in research and education for the benefit of society both in the UK and globally. Oxford’s researchers engage with academic, commercial and cultural partners across the world to stimulate high-quality research and enable innovation through a broad range of social, policy and economic impacts.

We believe our strengths lie both in empowering individuals and teams to address fundamental questions of global significance, while providing all our staff with a welcoming and inclusive workplace that enables everyone to develop and do their best work. Recognising that diversity is our strength, vital for innovation and creativity, we aspire to build a truly diverse community which values and respects every individual’s unique contribution.

While we have long traditions of scholarship, we are also forward-looking, creative and cutting-edge. Oxford is one of Europe’s most entrepreneurial universities. Income from external research contracts in 2016/17 exceeded £564m and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, with more than 130 companies created to date. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.

Join us and you will find a unique, democratic and international community, a great range of staff benefits and access to a vibrant array of cultural activities in the beautiful city of Oxford.

For more information, please visit www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation.

Medical Sciences

The Medical Sciences Division is an internationally recognized centre of excellence for biomedical and clinical research and teaching. We are the largest academic division in the University of Oxford

World-leading programmes, housed in state-of-the-art facilities, cover the full range of scientific endeavour from the molecule to the population. With our NHS partners we also foster the highest possible standards in patient care.

For more information please visit: www.medsci.ox.ac.uk

Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine (NDM) . . . fostering your career in science

The Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine (NDM) is one of the largest departments of the University of Oxford and is part of the Medical Sciences Division, with responsibility for a significant part of the teaching of clinical students within the Medical School.

NDM has significant financial turnover and complexity, resulting from its diverse research portfolio, its geographical spread and its close links with NHS funding and strategic teams involved in the development and delivery of increasingly integrated clinical research platforms. For more information please visit: http://www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/home

The Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine has been presented with a Departmental Athena SWAN Silver award in recognition of the commitment made to promote gender equality through our organisational and cultural practices and our efforts to improve the working environment for both men and women. For more information please see our Departmental Athena SWAN pages: www.ndm.ox.ac.uk/working-for-ndm/aboutndmatheneswan/ .
The Jenner Institute

The Jenner Institute was founded in November 2005 to develop innovative vaccines against major global diseases. Uniquely it focuses both on diseases of humans and livestock and tests new vaccine approaches in parallel in different species. A major theme is translational research involving the rapid early-stage development and assessment of new vaccines in clinical trials.

For more information please visit: department website http://www.jenner.ac.uk/

The Jenner Institute - Centre for Clinical Vaccinology and Tropical Medicine (CCVTM), Churchill Hospital, Oxford

Scientists at the Jenner Institute, University of Oxford, have developed new candidate vaccines for malaria, tuberculosis, HIV, influenza and a wide range of other pathogens. Clinical trials are in progress for eight infectious disease areas. The Jenner Institute is one of the largest university based vaccine institutes globally.

Over the last three years a new cancer vaccine immunotherapy programme, including a multi-site trial in prostate cancer, has been in progress in close collaboration with the departments of oncology and surgery.

For more information please visit: http://www.jenner.ac.uk/

How to apply

Before submitting an application, you may find it helpful to read the ‘Tips on applying for a job at the University of Oxford’ document, at
http://www.ox.ac.uk/about_the_university/jobs/research/

If you would like to apply, click on the Apply Now button on the ‘Job Details’ page and follow the on-screen instructions to register as a new user or log-in if you have applied previously. Please provide details of two referees and indicate whether we can contact them now.

You will also be asked to upload a CV and a supporting statement. The supporting statement must explain how you meet each of the selection criteria for the post using examples of your skills and experience. This may include experience gained in employment, education, or during career breaks (such as time out to care for dependants). Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that you meet the selection criteria stated in the job description.

Please upload all documents as PDF files with your name and the document type in the filename.

All applications must be received by midday on the closing date stated in the online advertisement.

Information for priority candidates

A priority candidate is a University employee who is seeking redeployment because they have been advised that they are at risk of redundancy, or on grounds of ill-health/disability. Priority candidates are issued with a redeployment letter by their employing department(s).

If you are a priority candidate, please ensure that you attach your redeployment letter to your application (or email it to the contact address on the advert if the application form used for the vacancy does not allow attachments).
Should you experience any difficulties using the online application system, please email recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk. Further help and support is available from www.ox.ac.uk/about_the_university/jobs/support/. To return to the online application at any stage, please go to: www.recruit.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that you will receive an automated email from our e-recruitment system to confirm receipt of your application. Please check your spam/junk mail if you do not receive this email.
Important information for candidates

Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University’s Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/privacynotices/job/. The University’s Policy on Data Protection is available at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/universitypolicyon dataprotection/.

The University’s policy on retirement

The University operates an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for all academic posts and some academic-related posts. The University has adopted an EJRA of 30 September before the 69th birthday for all academic and academic-related staff in posts at grade 8 and above. The justification for this is explained at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/end/retirement/acrelretire8+/

For existing employees, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/end/retirement/acrelretire8+/

There is no normal or fixed age at which staff in posts at grades 1–7 have to retire. Staff at these grades may elect to retire in accordance with the rules of the applicable pension scheme, as may be amended from time to time.

Equality of Opportunity

Entry into employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.
Benefits of working at the University

**Employee benefits**

University employees enjoy 38 days' paid holiday, generous pension schemes, travel discounts, and a variety of professional development opportunities. Our range of other employee benefits and discounts also includes free entry to the Botanic Gardens and University colleges, and discounts at University museums. See [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits).

**University Club and sports facilities**

Membership of the University Club is free for all University staff. The University Club offers social, sporting, and hospitality facilities. Staff can also use the University Sports Centre on Iffley Road at discounted rates, including a fitness centre, powerlifting room, and swimming pool. See [www.club.ox.ac.uk](http://www.club.ox.ac.uk) and [www.sport.ox.ac.uk/oxford-university-sports-facilities](http://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/oxford-university-sports-facilities).

**Information for staff new to Oxford**

If you are relocating to Oxfordshire from overseas or elsewhere in the UK, the University’s Welcome Service website includes practical information about settling in the area, including advice on relocation, accommodation, and local schools. See [www.welcome.ox.ac.uk](http://www.welcome.ox.ac.uk). There is also a visa loan scheme to cover the costs of UK visa applications for staff and their dependents. See [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/permits/reimburse&loanscheme](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/permits/reimburse&loanscheme/).

**Family-friendly benefits**

With one of the most generous family leave schemes in the Higher Education sector, and a range of flexible working options, Oxford aims to be a family-friendly employer. We also subscribe to My Family Care, a service that provides practical advice and support for employees who have caring responsibilities. The service offers a free telephone advice line, and the ability to book emergency back-up care for children, adult dependents and elderly relatives. See [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits/family/mfc](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits/family/mfc/).

**Childcare**

The University has excellent childcare services, including five University nurseries as well as University-supported places at many other private nurseries. For full details, including how to apply and the costs, see [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare/).

**Disabled staff**

We are committed to supporting members of staff with disabilities or long-term health conditions. For further details, including information about how to make contact, in confidence, with the University’s Staff Disability Advisor, see [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/disab/staff](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/disab/staff).

**Staff networks**

The University has a number of staff networks including the Oxford Research Staff Society, BME staff network, LGBT+ staff network and a disabled staff network. You can find more information at [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/networks](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/networks/).

**The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club**

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club is an organisation run by volunteers that aims to assist the partners of new staff settle into Oxford, and provides them with an opportunity to meet people and make connections in the local area. See [www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk](http://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk).