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Job Description and Selection Criteria

Job title	Clinical Researcher in Computational Pathology
Division	Medical Sciences Division
Department	Radcliffe Department of Medicine Nuffield Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Location	John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, OX3 9DU
Grade and salary	E63: £32,398 - £63,152 p.a.
Hours	<i>Part-time (0.4 FTE) 2 days per week</i>
Contract type	<i>Fixed term until 1st September 2026</i>
Reporting to	Prof. Daniel Royston & Dr Ros Cooper
Vacancy reference	175548
Additional Information	

Research topic	Artificial Intelligence-Based Assessment of Bone Marrow Biopsies: Improving the Assessment of Blood Cancer Using Multi-modal Computational Models
Principal Investigator / supervisor	Prof. Daniel Royston & Dr Ros Cooper
Project team	Prof. Jens Rittscher (collaborator) Dr Muhammed Dawood (University of Oxford)
Funding partner	The funds supporting this research project are provided by MPN Research Foundation
Recent publications	https://doi.org/10.1038/s41375-022-01773-0



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<https://doi.org/10.1182/bloodadvances.2020002230>

<https://doi.org/10.1002/hem3.105>

The role

Reporting to Prof. Daniel Royston (Principal Investigator) and Dr Ros Cooper (Co-investigator). The post holder will be a member of a research group with responsibility for carrying out and supporting research as part of an MPN Research Foundation award. The post holder will support the generation and analysis of spatial transcriptomic (ST) data derived from bone marrow trephine analysis and integrate this with conventional tissue morphological features.

Responsibilities

- Generation of ST data from bone marrow samples, supported by collaborators at the IDRM and WIMM in Oxford. Responsible for supporting the analysis of the ST data and collaborating closely with post-doctoral members of the research team
- Provide specialist clinical pathology expertise and provide tissue sample annotations
- Support non-clinical team members with specialist clinical and cellular pathology knowledge and expertise relevant to blood cancer

Additional duties

- Manage own academic research and administrative activities. This involves small scale project management, to coordinate multiple aspects of work to meet deadlines
- Contribute ideas for new research projects
- Collaborate in the preparation of scientific reports and journal articles and occasionally present papers and posters
- Act as a source of information and advice to other members of the group on scientific protocols and experimental techniques
- Represent the research group at external meetings/seminars, either with other members of the group or alone
- Carry out collaborative projects with colleagues in partner institutions, and research groups

Selection criteria

Essential selection criteria

- Hold a degree in Clinical Medicine and occupies a UK NTN in Histopathology
- Hold a relevant undergraduate degree / Masters in Engineering Science
- Possess sufficient specialist knowledge in the discipline to work within established research programmes
- Ability to manage own academic research and associated activities



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- Previous experience of contributing to publications / presentations
- Ability to contribute ideas for new research projects and research income generation
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research proposals and results, and represent the research group at meetings
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Desirable criteria

- Prior experience in the area of digital pathology at a major national or international centre
- Experience of actively collaborating in the development of research articles for publication
- Experience of independently managing a discrete area of a research project

Pre-employment screening

Standard checks

If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to standard pre-employment checks. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity; and (if we haven't done so already) 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 for which you may need us to make appropriate adjustments.

Please read the candidate notes on the University's pre-employment screening procedures at:
<https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/pre-employment-checks>

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 and we rank first in the UK for university spin-outs, and in recent years we have spun out 15-20 new companies every year. We are also recognised as leaders in support for social enterprise.



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Nuffield Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NDCLS)

Led by Professor Deborah Gill, the Nuffield Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences brings together all of the clinical laboratory-based disciplines within the Oxford Medical School (Microbiology, Genetics, Cellular Pathology, Haematology and Clinical Biochemistry). The original Nuffield Departments date from Lord Nuffield's original benefaction to the Oxford Medical School in 1938.

As well as the teaching of Undergraduate and Clinical Medical Student courses, NDCLS has an active research programme, holding more than £5.3m per annum (£25m in total) of research grants from Research Councils and charities.

For more information please visit www.ndcls.ox.ac.uk



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Radcliffe Department of Medicine (RDM)

The Radcliffe Department of Medicine (RDM) within the Medical Sciences Division is one of the largest departments in the University of Oxford. Headed by Professor Keith Channon, RDM is a multi-disciplinary department which aims to tackle some of the world's biggest health challenges by integrating innovative basic biology with cutting edge clinical research. The Department was formed in 2012 and comprises:

- The Division of Cardiovascular Medicine (CVM)
- The Investigative Medicine Division (IMD)
- The Nuffield Division of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NDCLS)
- The Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM)
- The majority of research groups from the MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine (WIMM)

The Department has internationally renowned programmes in a range of areas, including cardiovascular sciences, diabetes and endocrinology, immunology, haematology and pathology. Our work is underpinned by excellence in molecular medicine, stem cell biology, genomics and clinical laboratory science.

The Department employs in the region of 650 staff, has around 150 postgraduate research students and has an annual turnover of around £59m of which £38m is externally funded grants and contracts.

RDM supports a culture that is inclusive and supportive of all members, including those with caring responsibilities and those who work flexibly for other reasons. We are proud to be a [family friendly department](#), and are committed to creating a working environment that offers opportunities for working parents/carers to achieve their professional goals and develop their careers without having a detrimental effect on family life. To support this, we have a range of family friendly policies and practices including maternity, paternity and adoption leave, shared parental leave and unpaid parental leave, flexible/part-time working and scheduling meetings within core hours (9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.). Many of our staff work flexibly, with arrangements managed informally or formally.

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institutional Bronze Athena SWAN award. RDM holds a departmental Silver Athena SWAN award in recognition of our efforts to introduce organisational and cultural practices that promote gender equality in SET to create a better working environment for both men and women

For more information on the Department please visit: www.rdm.ox.ac.uk

The Medical Sciences Division

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.

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For more information please visit: <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk>



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How to apply

Applications are made through our online recruitment portal. Information about how to apply is available on our Jobs website <https://www.jobs.ox.ac.uk/how-to-apply>.

Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that you meet the selection criteria stated in the job description.

As part of your application you will be asked to provide details of two referees and indicate whether we can contact them now.

You will 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)

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

All applications must be received by **midday** UK time 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).

If you need help

Application FAQs, including technical troubleshooting advice is available at:

<https://staff.web.ox.ac.uk/recruitment-support-faqs>

Non-technical questions about this job should be addressed to the recruiting department directly.

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 online recruitment portal to confirm receipt of your application. **Please check your spam/junk mail** if you do not receive this email.



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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:

<https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/job-applicant-privacy-policy>. The University's Policy on Data Protection is available at: <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/data-protection-policy>.

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: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>

For **existing** employees, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/the-ejra>

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.



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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 <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/staff-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 and <https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/>.

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 <https://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 <https://staffimmigration.admin.ox.ac.uk/visa-loan-scheme>

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 the Work+Family Space, 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 <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/my-family-care>

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 <https://childcare.admin.ox.ac.uk/>

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 <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/disability-support>



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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 <https://edu.admin.ox.ac.uk/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.

