



## Higher Specialist Scientific Training

*Advancing your clinical and scientific skills for patient and public benefit*

**Salary: Locally determined by the employer to at least AfC Band 7**

The NHS is offering a fantastic opportunity for clinical scientists to train and become eligible to apply for available consultant clinical scientist posts.

The Higher Specialist Scientific Training Programme (HSST) is a five-year programme that is equivalent to the standards of training undertaken by medical specialist registrars.

This innovative programme has been developed jointly between the Modernising Scientific Careers team, Medical Royal Colleges and scientific professional bodies.

If you see yourself as a future leader in healthcare science, then apply to join this ground breaking programme which offers bespoke workplace based training supported by an underpinning doctorate-level academic course.

LETB commissioned HSST training posts will be available in accredited training departments either as:

- **Direct entry** - new posts created specifically for the purpose of training and open to competition by application. For 2014 there are 4 direct entry posts available in the following specialisms; Genetics (x 2), Clinical Biochemistry (x 1), Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease (x1).
- **In service** - existing posts supported by employers. There are in service posts available in a range of specialisms including life sciences, physiological sciences and physical sciences. In service posts are not open to competition and only clinical scientists nominated by their employer who reach the standard for higher specialist scientific training are eligible to apply. If you are eligible to apply you must apply to be considered for entry into HSST and undertake the appointment process.

**All** applicants will be required to undergo a formal appointment and benchmarking process which will be overseen by the National School of Healthcare Science during 2014, with posts due to start in late 2014. Applicants must be HCPC registered as Clinical Scientists at the start of their training although may apply for entry if they are going through the process of application for equivalence and registration.

To apply and for full information about the opportunities available and details of the qualifications and experience you need follow the link. Applications will be open from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

[http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/explore-by-career/healthcare-science/training/nhs-higher-specialist-scientific-training-\(hsst\)/](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/explore-by-career/healthcare-science/training/nhs-higher-specialist-scientific-training-(hsst)/)

A detailed description of the HSST programme and its development is available in *Scaling the Heights: an overview of Higher Specialist Scientist Training (HSST) in Healthcare Science*

<http://hee.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/321/2014/01/Scaling-the-Heights-final.pdf>

Details of the HSST curricula can be found at:

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/msc-framework-curricula/hsst-higher-specialist-scientist-training>

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