



Dr Roger Manly Francis Oral and Dental Research Fellowship

The School of Dentistry announce the Launch of Dr. Roger Manly Francis Research fellowship. We invite applications from postgraduate students who are undertaking clinical training in a GDC recognised specialty to submit applications for **Clinical PhD fellowships**. Applications are welcomed from candidates seeking to conduct their own independent research, focused on one of our research themes.

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/dentistry/research/>

- Oral Health
- Dental Innovation

We are looking to support the development of clinical academics who can demonstrate the potential to be a research leader and 'research star of the future' and help support the School to deliver ground-breaking research.

Value and duration:

Clinical PhD fellowships will be for a minimum of one year and maximum of four years, with a maximum value not exceeding £100,000. The award can be used to cover salary/stipend, fees, and research costs. Travel and conferences can be included but cannot be applied for as a separate award, as the fellowship is to support the attainment of a high-quality PhD. The number of awards made in any year will depend on the quality of the applications and the available funds. The School reserves the right not to make any awards in a given year.

Eligibility criteria:

- Candidates applying for the award must hold a dental degree and must demonstrate some postgraduate experience in clinical academia either while in general dental practice or moving towards specialty training (or already have a training number and confirmation that they are able to undertake an Out of Programme fellowship).
- Candidates must be registered with the GDC at the time of application.
- Candidates must be able to objectively demonstrate a commitment to research, such as previous publication or obtaining funding from a competitive source.
- Candidates must have the support of a prospective supervisor within the University of Liverpool, who must have prior experience of PhD supervision or be mentored by a supervisor that does. The prospective supervisor will have academic responsibility. A letter of support from the research group lead is also required.
- For Candidates who are undertaking speciality training, who are already registered for a PhD, we generally expect Clinical PhD fellowships to be full-time, to give you the opportunity to concentrate fully on your research, training and development. You may hold an award on a part-time basis to meet personal commitments, but not because of other professional commitments.

Application and assessment

For eligible candidates not current undertaking a PhD at the University, applications must be submitted via ILCams PGR admin <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/courses/dental-sciences-phd> . For candidates currently registered on a PhD with the University applications can be sent straight to the School of Dentistry to Dental research <denres@liverpool.ac.uk>. (In all cases the application must include:

- The research proposal, statement confirming your research supervisory team and their experience, your research experience, your future aspirations.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Letters of support from your primary supervisor and the research group lead.

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2025.

Applications will be reviewed and short-listed by the Staff and Student Research Development Group who will consider:

- The suitability of the project against the School of Dentistry research themes
- The track record of the supervisory team in the research area
- Your track record, evidence of an upward trajectory, and your ability to successfully deliver the proposed project, with support from the wider team
- The importance of the research question for the respective field of research
- Whether there is a clear and testable hypothesis for the research and/or, in the case of projects focused on development of care model, a clear rationale
- Whether the research design is clear, appropriate, and feasible within the timeframe and the proposed resources
- Clear evidence of patient and public involvement.
- The potential impact of the research

Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview in January 2026. The interview panel will be chaired by the Dean of ILCaMs or their representative who is external to the School of Dentistry .

Short-listed research proposals will be subject to external peer review - and will be judged on scientific merit, originality, and the potential for impact.



Application form for Dr. Roger Francis Oral and Dental Research fellowship 2025

Personal and fellowship details	
Title	
Family name	
Forename(s)	
Email address	
Grade (e.g. PGR student, Clinical Lecturer)	
If currently registered as PGR, what is your thesis submission date	
Proposed date to start fellowship	
End date	
Are you applying for a full time or part time fellowship , If part time state you preferred percentage (please note that the fellowship will be awarded with 50% minimum commitment to research	
GDC number	

QUALIFICATIONS		
Institution	Dates	Qualifications (e.g. BDS, MFDS, MSc)

Title of Proposed Project:		
Name of primary supervisor and experience of PhD supervision and in the research area, including up to 5 recent publications		
Names of other supervisors		

Academic experience: Summary of academic career to date, key achievements, career goals(no more than 500 words).

Research experience: What research experience do you have and what would you like to gain during the fellowship (No more than 300 words).

12. Provide a lay description of the proposed research in terms that members of the general public can readily understand. This should include: 1. Title. 2. Background/rationale for the research and Research question 3. Aim of the research. 4. Project design 5. Potential impact or benefit for patients/health services. (No more than 500 words).
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Details and justification of research plan: (no more than 1200 words)

Indicate what your research question is, and why it is important. Detail (a) Aims of the project, (b) Work which has led up to the project, (c) Timetable and milestones, (d) Justification of key methodologies and techniques you will use.

Graphs and/or figures may be embedded in the text and are excluded from the word count.

Please detail how you will ensure appropriate public and/or patient engagement within your proposed research (no more than 300 words).

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16. Career intentions.

(outline how this fellowship will support your overall future career aims including plans for future grant applications and/or specialist training): (no more than 200 words)

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17. Research grants from other funding agencies.

Please state whether you have had additional funding prior to this research and from whom:

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Item	Details /Justification	Cost
Salary being applied		
Training course		
Research cost		
Fees		
Travel/Conference costs		
Total cost applied for		

Applicant Declaration		
I confirm that the information given in this application form is correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be deprived of any Bursary or Scholarship, and required to repay to the University, in full and immediately, any such sum paid or credited to me if the information which I have given here is shown to be false or misleading.		
Applicant Name	Signature	Date