

Clinical Fellow: CAR T-cell Programme

The Malaghan Institute of Medical Research (MIMR) is New Zealand's leading independent biomedical research institute, with a focus on breakthrough discoveries in immunology and immunotherapy. We have over 130 staff committed to finding cures for diseases using the body's own immune system. We are currently enrolling to a phase I clinical trial of a new third-generation chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy for patients with relapsed and refractory non-Hodgkin lymphoma (ClinicalTrials.gov reference NCT04049513).

An opportunity exists for an experienced and driven haematology or medical oncology registrar to work as a **Clinical Fellow** for the Malaghan Institute's established chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell programme in Wellington, New Zealand. This will be a full-time role (40 hours per week), Monday to Friday. This is a fixed term role for one or two years, depending on the applicant, starting December 2022.

The Clinical Fellow will be based at the Malaghan Institute in Wellington, and will spend time at Te Rerenga Ora Blood & Cancer Centre and the Clinical Trials Unit at Wellington Hospital. You will report to the Clinical Director Dr Robert Weinkove, and will work with the other Investigators, Clinical Trials Nurses, Quality Facilitator and CAR T-cell GMP team to gain experience in CAR T-cell delivery, toxicity management, clinical trial design and conduct, and cellular therapy quality systems. This Fellowship can be combined with a post-graduate degree qualification.

The successful applicant will be proactive and enthusiastic, show effective time management skills, and be able to work with clinicians, allied health workers and scientists. An analytical thinker, you will be proficient in solving problems, from initial information gathering to a well-considered solution and subsequent monitoring and evaluation.

Tohu Mātauranga | Qualifications

- Medical degree MBBS or equivalent is required.
- Completion of Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Basic Physician Training, including RACP Written and Clinical Examinations, or an equivalent qualification, is required.
- Completion of at least 2 years of Advanced Training in Clinical Haematology or Medical Oncology is desirable but not required.

Ngā Pūkenga | Experience and Skills:

- Experience in at least one of lymphoma treatment, stem cell transplantation, and/or the conduct and reporting of clinical trials is required.
- Competency and specialist knowledge in the diagnosis and management of patients with lymphoma and related malignancies.
- Understanding of the basic principles of clinical research methodology.

- Willingness and enthusiasm to work within a multidisciplinary team of laboratory scientists, quality personnel and health care professionals.
- Analytical skills to draft and edit documents related to cell therapy protocols and procedures.
- Competence in procedures such as lumbar puncture and bone marrow biopsy is desirable.

Ngā Kawenga | Key Responsibilities:

- Undertake required training at the Malaghan Institute or at Wellington Hospital.
- Conduct CAR-T cell trial procedures in conjunction with a trial nurse, from initial participant consent through to follow-up and management of adverse events.
- Contribute to trial-related activities and committees.
- Develop cellular therapy quality procedures and documentation, in conjunction with clinical and GMP teams.
- Complete case report forms, adverse event reports and trial database data entry, in conjunction with trial coordinator and investigators.
- Contribute to other clinical studies and publications in the field of lymphoma, leukaemia, myeloma or cellular therapies.

Ngā Painga | Benefits:

- Exposure to a unique research environment working with highly driven scientists and support staff.
- A supportive team culture.
- Training and development opportunities to support you in your career with us, with potential for career progression, including support to undertake a higher degree (Masters or Diploma).
- Opportunities for overseas travel and conference attendance.
- Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) – confidential, professional services which can support and guide you through your life or work challenges.
- An excellent location, with offices at Victoria University in Kelburn offering cafes and other amenities.
- Access to a range of services from Victoria University's Research library.
- Salary of \$84k-\$135k depending on level of registrar experience.

For the full position description please see; [Clinical Fellow Position Description](#)

Me Pēhea te Tuku Tono | How to apply:

If you share our passion for translational research and clinical trials and think you'd be a valuable addition to this project, apply now by sending both your Cover Letter and CV via our recruitment site; [Bamboo](#).

Alternatively, you can contact Maartje Schouten via mschouten@malaghan.org.nz or +64 04 499 6915 extension 908.

Applications close **Sunday 18 September at 5pm** for a start date as soon as possible. Interviews may be held immediately should the right candidates apply, so don't wait, tone inaianei!

The Malaghan Institute is committed to Vision Mātauranga, and supports Māori health advancement in partnership with Te Urungi Māori, the Institute's Māori advisory group. We welcome Māori applicants for this role. The Malaghan Institute is an equal opportunity employer, and values diversity. The Institute does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability status.

Applicants must hold or be eligible for registration with the New Zealand Medical Council. Applicants must have the legal right to work in New Zealand.