

Higher Specialist Scientist Training (HSST) programme

Advancing your clinical and scientific skills for patient and public benefit

Do you see yourself as a future leader in healthcare science?

The Higher Specialist Scientist Training (HSST) programme is an innovative five-year training programme offering an exciting career advancement opportunity for clinical scientists. Developed jointly between the NHS, Medical Royal Colleges and scientific professional bodies for clinical scientists, the programme is equivalent to the standards of training for medical postgraduate trainees.

The programme is work-based and is supported by an underpinning doctorate-level academic course. Successful completion makes you eligible to apply for available consultant clinical scientist posts.

HEE commissions training posts in accredited training departments, through two routes

- **Direct entry** - new posts created specifically for the purpose of training and open to competition by application via the online Oriel recruitment system.
- **In-service entry** - existing posts supported by employers: only clinical scientists nominated by their employer are eligible to apply. Nominees must meet the standards for HSST entry.

Salary is locally determined by the employer to at least AfC Band 7.

HCPC Clinical Scientist registration is an essential requirement. You may apply for the HSST programme if you are in the process of applying for Clinical Scientist equivalence: but you will be eligible for an interview only if you can provide evidence, by the interview date, that you have submitted your equivalence portfolio.

[Further information and application details are available on our website.](#)

Applications are due to open during February 2020.