

## Translate MedTech Secondment Scheme: Medipex Opportunity

The Leeds and Sheffield City Regions are a driving force for the UK healthcare sector, with world-leading clinical expertise and research and development capacity across its universities, hospitals, healthcare and medical device manufacturing sectors.

**Translate MedTech** is a research translation programme that aims to enhance and embed medical technology innovation know-how across the Leeds and Sheffield City Regions.

We lead a targeted innovation development programme to enhance innovation awareness, understanding and capacity.

We are a partnership of universities in the Leeds and Sheffield City Regions with expertise in the development of new medical technologies.

The programme, originally funded by the HEFCE (now Office for Students) Catalyst Fund, is now financed by the partner universities of Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds Beckett, Leeds, Sheffield Hallam and York.

Working together, smarter, faster.

**Medipex** is a healthcare innovation hub working with the NHS, industry and academia to improve patient care. We aim to accelerate knowledge transfer by bringing together the necessary key partners and by providing expert advice and support to take new healthcare products to market.

<p><b>Purpose of the scheme</b></p>	<p>To develop the innovation skills and translational capability of medical technology researchers in the Leeds and Sheffield City Regions.</p>
<p><b>Secondment opportunity</b></p>	<p>We are seeking a post-doctoral researcher or early career academic (based at one of the Translate partner universities: University of Bradford, University of Huddersfield, Leeds Beckett University, University of Leeds, Sheffield Hallam University or University of York) who is interested in supporting Medipex to identify and assess novel technologies that could deliver patient benefit with a view to securing investment to take such technologies to market.</p> <p>The successful candidate will support us to source new technology ideas (from NHS, University and SME sectors) that fit a defined remit (e.g. in terms of clinical area, technology type and potential market) and evaluate those ideas in terms of commercial potential (clinical need, market size and IP protection). We anticipate that the candidate will also be involved in presentation of the findings to potential investors and/or commercial partners in order to secure a route to market for the best candidate technologies.</p> <p>Our activities are varied. We also deliver training, provide project management support, grant writing support and market research services to third parties, and there</p>

	<p>may be opportunities over the secondment period to get involved with these activities also.</p> <p>Support will be provided to the secondee by other members of the Medipex team, particularly the Head of Innovation.</p> <p>This opportunity is available at 1-2 days (or 7.5-15 hours) per week for 3 months. The ability to be flexible with days would be advantageous.</p> <p>At the present time, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Medipex team are all working from home. The successful candidate will need to be prepared to also work from home or such other remote location and communicate with other members of the team via telephone and/or Zoom. A computer/laptop that can access our Google Drive will also be necessary. Should things change, then it may be that the candidate will be asked to attend the official offices, which are located at Thorpe Park, Leeds, LS15 8GB, either for work, meetings or both.</p> <p>Some knowledge of Intellectual Property and the steps involved in taking a healthcare product to market would be advantageous.</p> <p>Basic IT and research skills, as well as the ability to interact with different stakeholders (e.g. NHS, services users, industry, University) are expected as a minimum.</p>
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p>Funding (up to a max of <b>£2.5K*</b>) is available to cover the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to/from the host organisation</li> <li>• Accommodation and subsistence costs for the duration of the secondment</li> </ul> <p>Other associated costs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Please note that this scheme does not provide funding for conference attendance, electronic equipment (such as laptops), or salary costs.</p> <p>(*Applicants are encouraged to seek co-funding from, for example, their host university - where appropriate.)</p>
<p><b>How to apply</b></p>	<p>Completed applications should be emailed to:</p> <p>hello@translate-medtech.ac.uk</p>

	<p>Completed applications must be received by <b>12pm on Monday 29th March 2021</b>.</p>
<p><b>Assessment process</b></p>	<p>Applications will be assessed by representatives from Medipex and the Translate programme.</p> <p>We will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition of new knowledge and skills</li> <li>• Impact on career development</li> <li>• Benefits to your research group or immediate community</li> <li>• Benefits for the host organisation</li> <li>• Development of new collaborations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conditions of award</b></p>	<p>The successful candidate will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a minimum of three blog posts about their secondment for the Translate website</li> </ul> <p>S/he may also be invited to present at Translate events.</p>
<p><b>Further information</b></p>	<p>For further information, please contact: Mohua Siddique, Translate Innovation Development Officer</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:m.siddique@leeds.ac.uk">m.siddique@leeds.ac.uk</a></p>