# Translate MedTech Secondment Scheme: NIHR Children and Young People MIC Opportunity

The Leeds City Region is 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 partnership of universities in the Leeds and Sheffield City Regions with world-class expertise in the development of new medical technologies. It aims to develop nationally leading capability in Medical Technology Innovation in the Leeds City Region, establishing a sustainable community of academic, industry and clinical partners that are connected and committed to working in partnership to deliver a strong local economy and patient benefits.

**NIHR Children and Young People MedTech Co-operative** (NIHR CYP MedTech) is one of the 11 MedTech and In vitro diagnostics Co-operatives (MICs) funded by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR). The MICs act as centres of expertise to catalyse the development, evaluation, and adoption of medical technology into the NHS. NIHR CYP MedTech is the only MIC dedicated to child health and paediatrics. Our vision is to become a world class centre for the development of child health technology. We work across academic, industrial, and clinical sectors to support the development, clinical evaluation, and adoption of child health technology. We focus on developing early stage technology in seven clinical themes. Each theme is led by expert and dedicated clinicians.

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| **Purpose of the scheme**  | To develop the innovation skills and translational capability of medical technology researchers in the Leeds City Region.  |
| **Secondment opportunity** | We are seeking a **PhD student**, **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, University of York) who is interested in learning about the process around the development of new medical devices/healthcare technologies and by providing expert advice and support to take new healthcare products to market. The successful candidate will support us in delivering our remit and work in collaboration with all stakeholders for the benefit of children and young people. This will include but not be limited to: * Support the activity of the TITCH network(Technology Innovation Transforming Child Health) TITCH is a national network of experts dedicated to transforming child health through technology and innovation (www.titch.org.uk)
* Work with us to evaluate ideas for commercial potential and research/present relevant information about the opportunity to attract funding, partners and/or investors
* Support a planned evaluation of medtech use (and experiences of) by children across the country, including the design and scope of any research undertaken in conjunction with our Rare Diseases Theme lead and her team

We also facilitate a number of workshops, provide project management support and grant writing support. There may be opportunities over the secondment period to get involved with these activities also. Support will be provided to the secondee by all members of the NIHR CYP MedTech core team. This opportunity is available at two days (or 15 hours) per week for 3 months. The ability to be flexible with days would be advantageous. The successful candidate will be expected to work from the **Sheffield Children’s NHS Trust** and may occasionally be asked to attend meetings off-site with staff members. 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. |
| **Funding** | Funding (up to a max of **£2.5K\***) is available to cover the following costs:* Travel to/from the host organisation
* Accommodation and subsistence costs for the duration of the secondment

Other associated costs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.  Please note that this scheme does **not** provide funding for conference attendance, electronic equipment (such as laptops), or salary costs.(\*Applicants are encouraged to seek co-funding from, for example, their host university - where appropriate.) |
| **How to apply** | Completed applications should be emailed or posted to: Mohua Siddique - X101 Medical and Biological Engineering - University of Leeds - Leeds LS2 9JT – hello@translate-medtech.ac.ukCompleted applications must be received by **12pm on Friday 7 February 2020**. |
| **Assessment process** | Applications will be assessed by representatives from NIHR CYP MedTech and the Translate programme.We will consider the following:* Acquisition of new knowledge and skills
* Impact on career development
* Benefits to your research group or immediate community
* Benefits for the host organisation
* Development of new collaborations
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| **Conditions of award** | The successful candidate will be required to:* Provide a minimum of three blog posts about their secondment for the Translate website

S/he may also be invited to present at Translate events. |
| **Further information** | For further information, please contact: Mohua Siddique, Translate Innovation Development Officer Email:m.siddique@leeds.ac.uk Tel: 0113 34 37244 |

**Translate Secondment Scheme – NIHR Children and Young People MIC Secondment – Application Form**

**APPLICANT DETAILS:**

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| **Title** |  |
| **Forename** |  |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Job title / role**  |  |
| **Research group** |  |
| **University** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Line manager / supervisor** |  |

If your secondment is approved, it will be necessary to obtain a collaboration agreement before funds can be released. It will also be a condition of funding that relevant Health and Safety procedures are put in place to support your secondment.

**DURATION / START:**

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| **Please indicate your preferred start date:** |  |

**BENEFITS OF SECONDMENT:**

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| **Please provide an outline of the anticipated benefits of the secondment in terms of personal development, benefits to your immediate research community, and benefits to the host organisation.** (Max 500 words.) |

**FUNDING REQUESTED:**

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| **Travel** |  |
| **Accommodation / Subsistence** |  |
| **Other** (please specify) |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |

**SIGNATURES:**

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| **Applicant:** | **Date:** |
| **Line manager / supervisor:** | **Date:** |