

## 2015 VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

School/Department/Research Group Expression of Interest

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## PROPOSED RESEARCH AREA

School/Department/Research Group: School of Medicine/ROD/Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology

Project Title (please limit this to one sentence. This will be published on the web site)

Harmonizing outcome measures for eczema clinical trials (developing a core outcome set)

**Research Area for which you would welcome applications** (please keep this as broad as possible at this stage. A few paragraphs will suffice):

The fellow will work alongside colleagues at the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology to conduct research that supports the activities of the Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) initiative (<a href="www.homeforeczema.org">www.homeforeczema.org</a>). The HOME initiative is an international project involving clinicians, researchers, patients, journal editors and regulators with an interest in eczema (atopic eczema / atopic dermatitis). The group aims to achieve international consensus over developing and recommending an international core outcome set of measures for use in all future clinical trials of eczema treatments and eventually routine patient care.

During their time in Nottingham the Fellow will have the opportunity to attend the HOME IV consensus meeting (to be held in Malmo, Sweden  $23^{rd} - 24^{th}$  April 2015), join tele-conference meetings of the HOME Executive Group, and join a working group on one of the key domain areas (eczema signs, eczema symptoms, quality of life or long-term control). The choice of project will be determined in discussion with the applicant, but is anticipated to lead to a peer-reviewed publication with international colleagues.

The Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology hosts the international Cochrane Skin Group and is the co-ordinating centre for the UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network. Colleagues at the Centre have particular expertise in systematic reviews, clinical trials, consensus methodologies, patient and public involvement in research, evidence-based medicine, and knowledge mobilisation. As a result, the Centre offers a rich resource for the fellow to experience a range of activities and skills during their time in Nottingham, with view to longer-term collaboration when they return to their host Institution. Further details of the activities of the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology can be found at <a href="https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/dermatology">www.nottingham.ac.uk/dermatology</a>).