

CONNECT: CARDIAC SURGERY INTERNATIONAL NURSES AND ALLIED PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK

CONNECT MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAMME

CONNECT fosters and supports international cardiac surgery research to address global cardiac surgery challenges. We have established a mentorship programme, for nurses and allied professionals at any part of their research or clinical academic career, to support the international growth and development of nursing and allied professional research and clinical academic careers in cardiac surgery.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR MENTORSHIP?

The mentorship programme is open to CONNECT members. Applicants for the mentorship programme should be:

- A nurse or allied professional
- Working in cardiovascular surgery in either a clinical or research capacity
- Seek mentorship for research, clinical academic or academic development
- Be at any stage of their research, clinical academic or academic career

If you want to become a CONNECT member, please complete the membership form at <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/research/connect/become-a-member/>. It is free to join!

CONTENT OF MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Mentorship will be provided by members of CONNECT who have indicated in their profiles they would be willing to provide mentorship. The profiles of CONNECT members can be found here: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/research/connect/member-profile/>

The mentorship programme can take many forms, as agreed by the mentor-mentee. For example, face to face-meetings, online meeting, a scholarly visit. Equally, not only mentorship from a more experienced CONNECT mentor is expected, applications for peer-to-peer mentorship, reverse mentorship are also welcomed. Typically, the mentorship will:

- Set objectives for the mentorship at the beginning of the year for the duration of the programme
- Last for 12 months (with an opportunity to seek different mentorship in subsequent years)
- Meet approximately 6-8 times during the year

TIMELINES FOR THE PROGRAMME

Deadline for applications: 16th January 2023

Confirmation of acceptance onto programme and mentor: March 2023

Start of mentorship programme: April 2023

End of mentorship programme: March 2024

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions or require further information please contact connect-network@qmul.ac.uk