Life Arc Sponsored Daphne Jackson Fellowship

Applications are invited for a three-year Daphne Jackson Fellowship sponsored by LifeArc in honour of Aisling Burnand CBE, 1964-2022. This Fellowship is available to talented professionals wishing to return to research with specialisms aligned to one of the LifeArc Translational Challenges, including:

- Motor Neurone disease
- Chronic respiratory health
- Rare diseases
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Neglected tropical disease
- Emerging viral threats
- Paediatric oncology

The Fellowship may be held at one of LifeArc’s scientific research facilities in Stevenage or Edinburgh or one of the academic centres partnering on the Translational Challenges as listed above.

LifeArc is a self-funded medical research charity. Its mission is to advance translation of early science into health care treatments or diagnostics, by taking science ideas out of the lab and turning them into medical breakthroughs, that can be life changing for patients. LifeArc has been doing this for more than 25 years and its work has resulted in five licensed medicines including cancer drug Keytruda and a diagnostic for antibiotic resistance.

LifeArc has its own drug discovery and diagnostics development facilities and a team of experts in technology transfer and intellectual property who also provide services to other organisations. LifeArc’s model is built on collaboration, and it partners with a broad range of groups including medical research charities, research organisations, industry and academic scientists.

In 2022, LifeArc announced its commitment to spending £1.3bn by 2030 in areas of unmet medical need.

Daphne Jackson Fellowships

The Daphne Jackson Trust is dedicated to returning researchers following a career break for a family, caring or health reason.

Daphne Jackson Fellowships are unique - they offer professionals wishing to return to a research career after a break of two or more years, the opportunity to balance an individually tailored retraining programme with a challenging research project in a suitably supportive environment. The unparalleled support offered by the Trust's Fellowship Advisors and administrative staff, coupled with mentoring and retraining provided during the Fellowship, give returners the confidence and skills they need to successfully return to research.

For more information about LifeArc please visit Our strategy - LifeArc.
For further details about the eligibility criteria and application process, please visit www.daphnejackson.org. For further information before submitting an application please contact the Daphne Jackson Trust office on 01483 689166 or via email at djmft@surrey.ac.uk

For information specifically about this sponsored Fellowship opportunity please contact Dr Andy Merritt, Head of Academic Engagement at Life Arc andy.merritt@lifearc.org

How to apply

To be considered for this opportunity, please complete the CV, personal details and personal statement forms on the Daphne Jackson Trust website: Apply here

Please outline your area of research interest and, if you have identified a department within which you would like to work, include the name and contact details of a potential supervisor in that department.

Email your submission to the Daphne Jackson Trust office at djmft@surrey.ac.uk stating clearly, LifeArc Daphne Jackson Fellowship Application.

Closing date for applications is Monday 2nd October 2023

Following shortlisting by the Daphne Jackson Trust LifeArc will undertake an internal selection process to identify the preferred candidate.