

SPCR internship projects 2026

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Length and dates of internship: 4 weeks full time (35 hours per week, 140 hours total). Commencing summer 2026 with the exact start date and hours per week negotiable if necessary
Host department: Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, Queen Mary University of London
How will the internship be conducted: <input type="checkbox"/> In person at the university <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual/ from home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both are possible, depending on preference of student
Title internship project: The use of AI enabled scribed in General Practice: Online forum analysis of differencing perspectives
Summary of the internship project: <i>(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)</i> <i>Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly advancing and leading to promising healthcare innovation, and the NHS 10-Year Plan commits to building “the most artificial-intelligence-enabled. AI-enabled ambient scribes based on large language models are increasingly being introduced into General Practice. These technologies record and transcribe clinician-patient conversations and produce editable structured entries for electronic patient records, including histories, examination findings, plans, and codes. With GPs spending substantial time on administrative and computer focused tasks, these tools are promoted as a way to reduce documentation workload and allow greater attention to patients. However, whilst the use of AI in GPs is known about, the opinions of clinicians and patients on the use of these tools are not well-understood. The intern will join a project aimed at understanding attitudes towards AI-scribes in UK General Practice. The successful intern will help gather online forum data and analyse posts using qualitative research methods. Online forums hold a wealth of potentially useful information on patient and clinician views. There may also be the opportunity to disseminate results (e.g., at a national AI or clinical conference). This is a qualitative study, so knowledge (e.g., from university modules) of and interest in qualitative methods would be beneficial. Examples of previous forum analysis work in healthcare</i>

include on IVF (Muir and Hawking 2024) and asthma (De Simoni et al 2016). This project provides a great opportunity to contribute towards the emerging literature on AI-in-healthcare.

Learning objectives:

Develop an understanding of the key issues around AI in General Practice.

Learn how to conduct analysis of online forums.

Learn and use qualitative research methods, such as thematic coding and analysing.

Understand ethical considerations around working with publicly available data.

Develop skills in presenting qualitative research.

If there are any specific skills or learning objectives the successful candidates wish to gain experience of, these can be discussed at the start of the internship.

Any further information: