

## NIHR School of Primary Care Research (SPCR) PhD Studentship opportunity at UCL

Applications are invited from individuals with a strong academic record who wish to develop a career in primary care research to apply for a PhD studentship. The PhD studentship is for 3 years and must commence in October 2026.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must have a first degree in a discipline relevant to primary care research and will be expected to complete a PhD/DPhil during the award period. Relevant disciplines include health sciences, sociology, health psychology, anthropology, social sciences, epidemiology, medical statistics, and health economics.

Awards must be undertaken at 1.0 FTE.

Applicants must have been in contact with a potential supervisor from the UCL Research Department of Primary Care and Population Health (PCPH) to discuss their proposed application. The primary supervisor must be a member of staff at PCPH.

More information on PCPH research interests and expertise please see:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/population-health-sciences/epidemiology-health-care/research/ucl-research-department-primary-care-and-population-health/research>

### PhD Studentship:

The PhD studentship includes access to project-specific and more general training.

Studentship awards include home fees and an annual tax-free stipend of approximately £23,000 (inclusive of London weighting).

Overseas students are welcome to apply but will need to have already secured funding or be willing to self-fund the difference between home fees and international fees to be eligible to apply.

More information on the SPCR PhD studentships in general can be found:

<https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/career-development/funding/studentships-in-primary-care>

### The application process:

#### Stage 1:

- Interested individuals should submit a two-page CV and a covering letter of no more than two pages. The covering letter must include an explanation as to why you want to train in primary care research and contain a short proposal of your planned research that you wish to undertake during the PhD studentship. It needs to contain the name of the supervisor with whom the project has been discussed and who has agreed to act as primary supervisor for the PhD.
- Please name the CV and covering letter attachments using the naming convention: Surname\_CV\_STUD26 and Surname\_Letter\_STUD26
- Opens today. Deadline for submission is **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12pm.**
- Applications are submitted to Jemima Askew: [pcph.admin@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:pcph.admin@ucl.ac.uk)

**Step 2:**

- Candidates selected for interview will be contacted after **6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed.
- Interviews will be held face-to-face at the Department for Primary Care and Population Health, Royal Free Hospital on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. If you apply, please hold this date for interview.

For any queries please contact:

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