

## SPCR internship projects 2026

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<b>Length and dates of internship:</b>  Length of internship: 4 weeks full time or 8 weeks at part time. Start date flexible based on student preference.
<b>Host department:</b> Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford
<b>How will the internship be conducted:</b>  <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
<b>Title internship project:</b>  Gendered Health Experiences in Primary Care
<b>Summary of the internship project:</b> <i>(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)</i>  This internship offers a chance to examine gendered health experiences in primary care from patient and healthcare professional perspectives. Working with data collected during an NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowship, the student will lead a secondary analysis on a theme of their choosing. The dataset includes interviews with 32 people living with recurrent and chronic vulval pain (including women, non-binary people, and gender fluid people) and 25 healthcare professionals working across sexual health and primary care. Examples of possible themes could include exploring shame and stigma in health experiences, at-home diagnostics, digital health, temporal studies, and clinician-patient relationships.  This project is grounded in patient accounts, qualitative research, and feminist methodologies. The student will gain hands-on experience with analysing data, learning how researchers turn interviews into evidence that can shape clinical practice, training, and health policy. Training will be provided throughout the internship and no prior knowledge is expected.  The student will also be invited to attend (and help facilitate if of interest) meetings and interviews with patient representatives, community groups, and key stakeholders, where they will develop their communication skills and help ensure that our research generates impact. They will

also have the opportunity to meet with stakeholders at Medical Herstory, a social impact organisation which supports gender health research.

Possible outputs from this study include publishing a visual summary/infographic, blog, conference poster, presentation or an academic paper, based on student interest.

**Learning objectives:**

In this internship, the student will gain:

- Practical experience and training in primary care research
- Skills relevant to careers in medicine, health policy, social impact organising, and advocacy
- Insight into feminist, patient-centred, equity focused research approaches
- An understanding of working with communities and facilitating public engagement
- Experience in producing research outputs (ex. a peer-reviewed publication, blog, or creative deliverable etc.)

**Any further information:**

I'm happy to be contacted by students who have any questions about this project:

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