# SPCR internship projects 2023 - UCL

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| **Length of internship and when it could take place:**  Flexible depending on student preference. |
| **Host department:**  Research Department of Primary Care and Population Health, University College London |
| **How will the internship be conducted:**  In person at the university  Virtual/ from home  Both are possible, depending on preference of student |
| **Title internship project:**  GP Workforce Sustainability to maximise effective and equitable patient care: a realist review of what works, for whom and in what circumstances? |
| **Summary of the internship project:** *(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)*  There are not enough GPs in the UK NHS. This problem is worse in areas of the country where poverty and underinvestment in health and social care mean patients experience poorer health compared with wealthier regions. Encouraging more doctors to choose and continue in a GP career is a government priority. Our review will examine which aspects of the healthcare system affect GP workforce sustainability, how, why, and for whom. By taking a system and theory-driven approach to understanding what works, in which contextual circumstances, and to what extent, we aim to make visible the often unsaid or implicit issues that influence working environments, relationships, and organisational culture. Our findings will offer structural and organisational recommendations to inform sustainable, context-specific ways of future working, which can underpin equitable patient care.  This project provides an excellent opportunity to work alongside a range of disciplinary experts from primary and secondary care, who have insight into the challenges faced sustaining the GP workforce; are experts in clinical education workforce research, and realist synthesis. Depending on when the student can start their internship, they will take part in a variety of stages of the review. For example, searches, double screening, data extraction, synthesis, and interpretation of policy documents and debate articles. The student will also be invited to attend regular meetings with patient and public co-applicants and key stakeholders, where they will develop their communication skills and help to ensure our research can inform clinical practice and policy in this important area. |
| **Learning objectives:**   * To develop an understanding of the factors which support or challenge GP workforce sustainability. * To be able to describe certain stages of conducting a realist review. * To support searches, double screening, and analysis. * To extract data from included literature, supporting synthesis and interpretation. * To help organise and deliver patient and public co-applicant and stakeholder meetings. |
| **Any further information:**  For further information, please contact Dr Emily Owen ([emily.owen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:emily.owen@ucl.ac.uk)) |
| **How to apply:**  Please fill in the application form below and send it with your CV and covering letter [to bijal.parmar@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:to bijal.parmar@ucl.ac.uk)  If you have any queries, please contact Dr Cini Bhanu [c.bhanu@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:c.bhanu@ucl.ac.uk)    **Deadline for submissions:** 7 May 2023 at midday. Successful candidates will be notified by 19 May 2023. |

**Internship application form**

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| Please include information about what you would like to get out of the internship e.g. knowledge about a particular topic; experience of a particular sort of research method; particular experiences within an academic department of Primary Care etc. | |
| **Full name** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Email address** | Click here to enter text. |
| **1st choice project:**  **2nd choice project:** | |
| **Please answer the following questions (max 150 words for each section).** | |
| 1. **Why are you applying for this internship?**   Click here to enter text. | |
| 1. **How will this internship support your future career or professional development plans?**   Click here to enter text. | |
| 1. **What contribution do you think you can make during the internship?**   Click here to enter text. | |

Applications in previous years have been highly competitive. Previous UCL interns have been very productive and successful with paper and conference publications, as well as submission of further grant applications. Most are very happy to be informally contacted if you would like to discuss their experience.

**Selection is based on criteria including evidence of:**

* Commitment to the primary care scholarship
* Critical thinking and reflexivity about how this award will support future professional growth
* Creativity and commitment to making an active contribution during the internship to the primary care knowledge field.