Centre for Primary Care, University of Manchester

Do you still have curiosity to know more and understand why? If yes, please join us to learn more about developing your research skills at one of the top level research centres in the world.

We are pleased to give you the opportunity to undertake an Internship within the Centre for Primary Care at The University of Manchester. This is available during your elective when you will combine both primary care research with clinical practice at a partner GP surgery.

The Centre for Primary Care is acknowledged internationally to be one of the UK’s leading research centres for research in primary care. The Centre for Primary Care is a founder member of the prestigious NIHR School for Primary Care Research, a collaboration of 10 leading primary care departments in England.

Your research placement will be for 4 days / week and you will join an established research team gaining skills and experience in the highest level primary care research. You will gain skills in a wide range of areas e.g. research methods, secondary data analysis, and literature reviewing, with time to attend our programme of seminars and workshops. Weekly elective group meeting will focus on developing your critical thinking and translating literature into clinical practice. This will give you the chance to understand how to carve out a clinical academic career. There will be a day / week at a University linked GP teaching practice.

Funding is available to support academic activities relevant to the internship including funding your attendance at the SAPC (Society of Academic Primary Care) North Conference (subject to permission from your Hospital Dean). At the end of the placement you need to submit a brief report detailing your experience and outcomes attained. This will be relevant for your portfolio too and serves as a useful summary of your key learning during your elective so will be straightforward to complete.

Eligibility criteria:
1. Undergraduate medical student (Year 4 or 5) at the University of Manchester
2. Interest in developing skills in primary care research

Role expectations:
1. To identify learning needs and develop skills relevant to research in primary care
2. To undertake a small research project the Centre for Primary Care.
3. To produce a short written report for School for Primary Care Research
If you love it or you’re not sure if it's for you and would like to talk to someone to get more information, please chat with Grace Turya (Admin lead for Y3-5 CBME; years3-5CBME; Grace.turya@manchester.ac.uk) or Dr Rachel Lindley (GP Academic lead for CBME; Rachel.lindley@manchester.ac.uk), or Dr Tom Blakeman (GP & Clinical Senior Lecturer; tom.blakeman@manchester.ac.uk). We can fund up to 7 internships, so please apply as even if you’re not successful we can give you advice on what else is available to learn more about research.

To apply:

Submit a personal statement, in no more than 500 words, explaining i) why you want to undertake the internship, ii) what you would like to do during the internship, and iii) what skills you hope to gain.