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| **Name & email supervisor(s):**  Professor Sophie Park – [sophie.park@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:sophie.park@ucl.ac.uk) and Dr Emily Owen – [emily.owen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:emily.owen@ucl.ac.uk) |
| **Proposed 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 student |
| **Title internship project:**  Community Pharmacy and General Practice collaborative and integrated working: a realist review |
| **Summary of the internship project:** *(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)*  The NHS Long-Term Plan represents a major change in policy direction and expectations: shifting away from competition, towards ‘integration and collaboration’ in primary care. This includes promoting integrated and collaborative working between General Practice (GP) and Community Pharmacy (CP). This re-positions CP from *supporting* GP towards *joint working* (2,3). We are conducting a realist review to explore the wider human, policy, regulatory and professional elements that we believe may influence working relationships and arrangements. For example, communication between organisations; negotiation of working practices, professional identities, roles, and responsibilities; decision-making processes, and how financial incentives and competition may shape strategies, behaviours, and policy implementation. Ultimately, this review will provide insights and solutions to maximise CP and GP collaboration and integration.  This project provides an excellent opportunity to work alongside Professor Sophie Park, an internationally recognised expert in the field of evidence synthesis. Depending on when the student is able to 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, research documents, and debate articles. The student will also be invited to attend meetings with patient and public co-applicants and key stakeholders, where they will develop their communication skills and help to ensure our research informs practice and policy in this important area. |
| **Learning objectives:**   * To develop an understanding of the factors which may help and hinder collaborative and integrated working between CP and GP. * 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 Emily Owen ([emily.owen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:emily.owen@ucl.ac.uk)) |

# Opportunity to apply for an NIHR School of Primary Care Student Internship in Primary Care Research Summer 2022

**SPCR student internship in Primary Care Research**

The NIHR School of Primary Care Research (SPCR) is currently supporting two Primary Care research internships within UCL Research Department of Primary Care in Summer 2022. The internships are open to students from any degree course from any university in the UK. Please see individual project descriptions for information on which disciplines would be eligible to apply. One of the UCL internship places will be awarded to a medical student and the other place to a student from another discipline relevant to academic primary care research (e.g. an allied health professional course, another scientific course or an arts or humanities degree). These placements will be for 4-6 weeks with funding of £1000 for each of the two UCL posts.

The aim of these internships is to encourage talented students to consider a career in academic primary care by gaining hands-on experience in primary care research. During the placement, students will join an established research team and gain skills in primary care focused research.

Programmes will be tailored in advance according to departmental and student interests, but may include research methods training, attendance at workshops and seminars, secondary data analysis, literature reviewing, etc., depending on availability and interest. At the end of the placement the intern will submit a brief report detailing their experience. A successful applicant might also work towards the production and submission of a publication based on their work during this internship.

In order to maximise academic exposure within a short time, these posts will not include clinical experience.

Timing of these internships will be negotiable depending on your curriculum requirements and could form part of an elective programme.

Please fill in the application form below and send it with your CV and covering letter to [pcphmeded@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:pcphmeded@ucl.ac.uk).

**Deadline for submissions**: 5th May 2022 at 5pm.

Applications in previous years have been highly competitive. Previous UCL interns have been very productive and successful in terms of paper and conference publications, as well as submission of further grant applications. Most previous interns 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 your future professional growth; &
* Creativity and commitment to making an active contribution during the internship to the primary care knowledge field.

**Internship application form**

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| Please include information about whether you would like to a) join an existing research project within one of the Primary Care Research Groups detailing which one, how and why, or b) your own project ideas (if feasible within the time period and relevant to Primary Care) with a brief summary of the proposal and any existing plans for supervision.  Please also 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. |
| **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. | |