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| **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:**  Knowledge accumulation in realist reviews |
| **Summary of the internship project:**  This programme of work explores cumulative knowledge production across two related realist reviews examining person-centred care in medical education. This is a collaborative project involving world-leading realist researchers across UCL, Utrecht University, Sheffield Hallam University, and the University of Oxford. Specifically, the aim of this project is to assess the value of having more than one review in a particular field. We will examine overall similarities and differences between the reviews and the methodological decisions taken by the authors at each stage of the review process (e.g., from motivation to conduct the review, team members and perspective, the realist research question posed, searches, selection, use of the CMO configuration, and middle range theories). We are interested in understanding how the authors backgrounds and positionality may influence and shape the analysis process and interpretation of findings.  Throughout this project, the student will have opportunities to compare the content of both realist reviews, contribute to group discussions, and synthesise the findings from the reviews in order to develop a re-useable conceptual platform. This project will provide an excellent introduction to realist approaches. Finally, depending on when the student is able to start their internship, they may have opportunities to contribute to writing up and dissemination of the findings. |
| **Learning objectives:**   * To develop an understanding of the realist review process. * To compare the content of two realist reviews, examining similarities and differences. * To explore the decision-making at each stage of the reviews. * To describe the pros and cons of having more than one review in a particular field. * To support the research team in developing a body of work that is useful for reviewers, practitioners, and stakeholders. * Contribute to writing up and dissemination of the findings. |
| **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. | |