

Bristol SPCR internship projects 2025

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Length and dates of internship: Any time from Monday 14 th July. We will consider any combination of full time worked over 4 weeks, part time worked over a longer period.
Host department: Centre for Academic Primary Care, University of Bristol
How will the internship be conducted: <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
Title internship project: Developing work investigating the buildings and spaces of General Practice
Summary of the internship project: <i>(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)</i> Background: The general practice estate comprises a huge variety of different types of building across England. It is estimated that around 22% buildings that are currently in use were built before the founding of the NHS in 1948. The physical infrastructure of general practice is a growing concern for many bodies, including NHS England and the Royal College of General Practitioners [RCGP]. In 2023 a survey to Royal College of General Practice members revealed that 2 in 5 felt that their premises were not fit for purpose, citing structural issues like mould, leaks and drafts and 88% reported insufficient consulting rooms. Despite calls to invest in infrastructure, the buildings of general practice are under-researched and very little is understood about the ways in which these physical spaces shape and affect the care that is delivered within them Development work: We have received development funding to inform our work investigating the buildings and interior spaces of general practice. We will hold a series of workshops with staff and patients who use these buildings to jointly identify research priorities and co-develop questions for our future work. We will engage with Deep-End practices and practices in rural locations to explore questions of inequality and whether these are reinforced through physical spaces and buildings. The student intern will work with us to design and deliver patient and public involvement (PPI) and stakeholder workshops, to attend workshops (where possible), to contribute to writing up notes and reports and designing future research in this area.
Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand how research teams function• Understand PPI and stakeholder development work

- Understand the importance of working with people who have lived experience to inform research questions and research design
- Understand how research projects are developed into larger funding applications
- Understand how primary care projects can involve multi and interdisciplinary working

Any further information:

For our work in this area please see:

- **Caddick B** and Leach H., Building on the Past – How Historical Research Can Contribute to Our Understanding of the Spaces of General Practice, [British Journal of General Practice](#) (2024) (analysis article)
- **Caddick, B.**, Community Pharmacy in Boots Stores circa Mid-Twentieth Century (Parts 1 and 2), *The Architecture of Pharmacies: Counter Culture Blog* [The Architecture of Pharmacies](#), 2023
- **Caddick B** and Leach H, [The Space of Consulting: A Photographic History of General Practice](#), *Society for Academic Primary Care Annual Scientific Meeting*, 3rd – 5th July 2024 (Creative enquiry poster with lightning oral presentation)

We welcome applicants from any background for this internship. It might be of particular interest to those from non-traditional medical courses, such as architecture, design studies or humanities.

BC has experience of supervising undergraduate and master's level student interns. Previous interns for other projects have contributed to academic papers, presentations at conference and have designed and presented posters at academic conferences.