

QMUL SPCR internship projects 2025

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Length and dates of internship: 4 weeks in the summer or early autumn of 2025
Host department: Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, Queen Mary University of London
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: Interpreting services in UK antenatal care
Summary of the internship project: <i>(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)</i> <p>This project seeks to explore delivery of interpreting services in GP practices for pregnant women who speak no/limited English, as well as the interpreting support provided through this channel to further maternity services. Primary care is the first point of contact for pregnant women to receive maternal care, and effective communication within primary care settings is key to healthcare access, quality of care, and health outcomes. Language barriers contribute to poor maternal health outcomes and inequities. The intern will have an exciting opportunity to contribute to the development of the project, mainly on evidence synthesis and patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) processes. This project will be relevant to students from all disciplines.</p> <p>Primary care research happens and thrives in a collaborative environment. Therefore, beyond the immediate project, the intern will have a great opportunity to be part of our team, comprising of a reader, 2 postdocs and 3 PhD students. We have diverse expertise in primary care, clinical academic research, global health, patient safety and anthropology. We work on diverse projects relating to communication and improvements in primary care using relevant methodologies including evidence synthesis, case studies and ethnography. Our team holds weekly Monday meetings where we share reflections and take turns in chairing; this will be a key learning and leadership opportunity for the intern. We will introduce the intern to other researchers beyond our team, including our departmental colleagues and collaborators. The intern will also attend valuable activities including departmental seminars, online webinars and campus-wide events.</p>
Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To demonstrate how research can be used as a tool for identifying and addressing primary care priorities and challenges• To gain key skills in literature search and evidence synthesis

- To understand how patients and members of the public contribute to research
- To work in a collaborative research environment and network with a range of researchers

Any further information: The internship will use a hybrid format (some days in-person at the university and some days working from home). Start dates are flexible.