

## QMUL SPCR internship projects 2025

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**Length and dates of internship:**

4 weeks full time (35 hours per week, 140 hours total). Commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Start date and hours per week negotiable if necessary. The position can be taken up in person, online, or hybrid.

**Host department:**

Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, Queen Mary University of London

**How will the internship be conducted:**

- In person at the university
- Virtual/ from home
- Both are possible, depending on preference of student

**Title internship project:**

The use of Artificial Intelligence in General Practice: Online forum analysis of differencing perspectives

**Summary of the internship project:** *(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information).*

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly advancing and leading to promising healthcare innovation. Government [agendas](#) indicate that AI could transform primary care services. AI technologies have the potential to save time for both GPs and patients, and lead to improved patient outcomes. Whilst the use of AI in GPs is known about, the opinions of clinicians and patients on the use of these tools are not well-understood. A recent study showed that 20% of General Practitioners (GPs) in the UK use Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT, at work ([Blease, 2024](#)), indicating that AI-tools are already becoming assimilated into clinical practice.

The intern will join a project aimed at understanding attitudes towards AI in UK General Practice. The successful intern will help gather online forum data and analyse posts using qualitative research methods. Online forums hold a wealth of potentially useful information on patient and clinician views. There may also be the opportunity to help disseminate results (e.g., at a national AI or clinical conference).

This will be a qualitative study, so knowledge (e.g., from university modules) of and interest in qualitative methods would be beneficial. The intern must be an undergraduate, and the position is open to any degree subject. Examples of previous forum analysis work in healthcare include on [IVF](#) and [asthma](#), and this project provides a great opportunity to contribute towards the emerging research literature on AI in healthcare.

**Learning objectives:**

- Develop an understanding of the key issues around AI in General Practice.
- Learn how to conduct analysis of online forums.
- Learn and use qualitative research methods, such as thematic coding and analysing.
- Understand ethical considerations around working with publicly available data.
- Develop skills in presenting qualitative research.
- If there are any specific skills or learning objectives the successful candidates wish to gain experience of, these can be discussed at the start of the internship.

**Any further information:**

If you have any questions please contact Duncan Reynolds ([Duncan.reynolds@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:Duncan.reynolds@qmul.ac.uk)) and/or Rebecca Muir ([r.l.muir@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:r.l.muir@qmul.ac.uk)) for an informal discussion.