QMUL SPCR internship projects 2025

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Length and dates of internship:
In line with the dates specified for the internship.
Host department:
Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, Queen Mary University of London
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How will the internship be conducted:
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☐ In person at the university
☐ Virtual/ from home
☐ Both are possible, depending on preference of student
Title internship project:
Supporting the COMPLEAT project (Chronic Obstructive pulmonary disease-MultiPle Long tErm
conditions and Assistive Technology)
Summary of the internship project: (max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further
information)
Working with an interdisciplinary team on the COMPLEAT project (Chronic Obstructive pulmonary
disease-MultiPle Long tErm conditions and Assistive Technology)
The aim of the project is to develop potential solutions with plans for further evaluation in the
area of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease-multiple long term conditions
(https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng115/chapter/Recommendations#multidisciplinary-
management) and assistive technology (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assistive-
technology-definition-and-safe-use/assistive-technology-definition-and-safe-use) with a view to
improving patient outcomes and services.
The internship project will support learning and delivery of the following proposed research
activities (depending on study progress and when the intern is able to join the project):
(1) generation of a visual evidence gap map, an output from ongoing work;
(2) taking the evidence gap map and the output of several interdisciplinary
discussions including with public contributors (part of team training) to a stakeholder workshop;
(3) leading to a prioritised list of research areas to address in a future grant application;
(4) development of a digital systems map outline;
(5) research proposal draft outline; and (6) dissemination of findings.

Learning objectives:

- Experience of multidisciplinary working across different disciplines. e.g computing, engineering, health and social care and institutions.

- Experience of a truly patient centred project where those with lived experience are equal partners and at the heart of all the proposed research activities.
- Understanding the study topic within the wider context of ageing population, people living with multiple long term conditions and health inequalities.
- Understanding the purpose of the proposed research activities in the project e.g. Evidence Gap and Map.
- Learning research skills by being involved in some of the proposed research activities e.g. Analytical skills
- Opportunity to access free training/training materials relevant to the project (skills learnt will be transferable) e.g. New Core20PLUS5 e-learning modules to help reduce health inequalities

Any further information:

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