# Guidance for SPCR Internships 2022

In line with the [SPCR Academic Research Capacity Development Programme](https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/files/news/spcr-research-capacity-and-development-business-plan-21-26/@@download), the School will continue the internship programme to provide those thinking about a career in academic primary care an opportunity at the earliest stage of their careers.

Aims of the SPCR Internship scheme:

* Provide primary care research opportunities for undergraduate students from all UK-based higher education institutes
* Inspire undergraduate students from a wide range of degrees, including non-medical related, to consider a career in primary care research
* Provide supervision opportunities for early- mid career researchers within SPCR members

About the scheme:

* Projects can take place over the summer or at a different moment throughout the academic year. However, the SPCR will need to be invoiced for the 2022 internships by end of March 2023 the latest
* The project should be open to students from any degree course from any university in the UK. If you require a specific background from a particular degree/ course for the internship, do specify this in the proposal
* One internship place per member should be ring-fenced for non-medical students
* Especially early – mid career researchers are encouraged to submit an internship proposal to further develop their supervisory portfolio

What the SPCR will provide:

* The SPCR will make £2,000 available per member annually to support all internships funded in this scheme. This funding should be used to provide an honorarium to students rather than covering research expenses or supervisor time
* The School will promote the internships on their website and via active social media promotion
* The SPCR will organise (optional) virtual PPIE meetings for the interns over the summer to give students the opportunity to learn more about PPIE and present and discuss their (preliminary) work with public contributors and learn about other interns’ projects
* The SPCR will send out a request for a final report to the interns and evaluate the programme

What is expected of SPCR members:

* Manage the selection process of internships
* Inform the SPCR about the selected interns and projects before they commence
* Provide supervision and guidance to interns

Please submit project proposals by 28th February to [applications.spcr@keele.ac.uk](mailto:applications.spcr@keele.ac.uk). They will be published on the SPCR website on 3rd of March and from that date students can apply to members for the internships. Members can set their own deadline and identify their own processes for selecting the interns.

Members are asked to inform the SPCR **by Friday 20th May** which students will do an SPCR internship, who their supervisors are and what their expected start and finish dates are.

# Template for SPCR internship projects 2022

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| **Name & email supervisor(s):** |
| **Proposed length of internship and when it could take place:** |
| **Host department:**  Choose an item. |
| **How will the internship be conducted:**  In person at the university  Virtual/ from home  Both are possible, depending on preference student |
| **Title internship project:** |
| **Summary of the internship project:** *(max 250 words, can include hyperlinks to further information)* |
| **Learning objectives:** |
| **Any further information:** |