

**Research Internship Programmes for**

**Health and Care professions & related disciplines, 2024**

**Would you like to broaden your experience of healthcare research?**

**Are you interested in clinical research as part of your future career?**

**Would you like to work with teams of experienced health researchers?**

Research internships offer the opportunity to be involved in health research in a clinical or applied setting. There will be various research internship opportunities available at UHBW, NIHR ARC West and UWE Bristol during summer 2024 that will be offered through the ARC West - UWE Research Internship programme and/or NIHR Undergraduate Research Internship programme, subject to confirmation of funding. These internships will be suitable for nursing, midwifery, Allied Health Professional (AHP), social care and healthcare science students in their second or third year of degree study.

What the Internship offers

You will:

* Be employed as a Research Intern by either UHBW or UWE Bristol for a period ranging between 5 to 8 weeks depending on the internship project.
* Get to work with an experienced researcher/established research teams and undertake a project.
* Gain insight into health research in clinical and applied settings and help explore future options for a research or clinical academic career.
* Have opportunity to attend a conference depending on the project and funding Have a line manager to support you and a project lead to provide you with guidance.

What is required of interns

You will be:

* In the second or third year of your degree programme in nursing, midwifery, allied health professions, social care or healthcare science
* Have a strong academic profile; that is you are attaining grades equivalent to 2.1 or above for your programme assessments
* Be able to commit to the internship for the funded period. This will vary depending on the funding programme; some will be fixed and some flexible.
* Have the right to work in the UK and able to attend your employing organisation

How to apply

* The first step is to submit an expression of interest for a research internship. You will need to complete a short application form, providing a statement of your reasons for applying for a research internship and why you believe health and care professionals should engage with research along with a two-page CV.
* You will be provided with a summary about the potential internship projects and asked to select your top two preferences.
* Your expression of interest will be used for selection for interview. Selection for the internships will be based on an interview with the internship lead and at least one other interview panel member.

Information about internships and the Expression of Interest form are available on the NIHR ARC West training webpages: <https://arc-w.nihr.ac.uk/training-and-capacity-building/> or contact Dr. Mary Cramp ([mary.cramp@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:mary.cramp@uwe.ac.uk)) for this information. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is **2pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024.**

Further Information

Find out more about past NIHR ARC West-UWE Bristol internships, look at these vlogs/blogs from internship award holders:

* [https://twitter.com/NIHRresearch/status/1588486464601563136](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FNIHRresearch%2Fstatus%2F1588486464601563136&data=05%7C01%7CMary.Cramp%40uwe.ac.uk%7C0213880373444f846e8e08dabe79cc2c%7C07ef1208413c4b5e9cdd64ef305754f0%7C0%7C0%7C638031727875310258%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8T9PM2vwRCXDYz0deyreQlnE1s92l5a0x%2BOvgL8MZek%3D&reserved=0)
* <https://arc-w.nihr.ac.uk/news/research-career-tips-for-nurses-and-allied-health-professionals-from-our-learning-disabilities-nurse-intern/>
* [https://arc-w.nihr.ac.uk/news/our-research-intern-audrey-dambaza-on-challenging-academic-stereotypes-and-making-a-difference-with-social-care-research/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Farc-w.nihr.ac.uk%2Fnews%2Four-research-intern-audrey-dambaza-on-challenging-academic-stereotypes-and-making-a-difference-with-social-care-research%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cmary.cramp%40uwe.ac.uk%7C17ab2656f76b4fc62c7408dac6216706%7C07ef1208413c4b5e9cdd64ef305754f0%7C0%7C0%7C638040144022192445%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=As1BmImhDyGozlXlwUmiQzR8zdo5ETqamU3n0Rm2XH8%3D&reserved=0)
* <https://arc-w.nihr.ac.uk/news/is-a-career-in-clinical-research-nursing-for-me/>

NIHR ARC West will support up to 3 internships for Summer 2024 and there are up to 8 NIHR Undergraduate Research Internships, pending funding decisions.

If you have any queries or would like further information about the internship opportunities, you can contact

* Dr. Mary Cramp, Portfolio Lead, Health and Social Wellbeing Research and ARC West Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions Lead.   
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**Expression of Interest Form**

**Your personal details**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Postal Address** |  |
| **Email Address  (university and personal)** |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |
| **Degree Programme** |  |
| **Year of study** |  |
| **Projected graduation date** |  |

**About employment for the internship**

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| **I confirm that I have the right to work in the UK.** | **YES**  **NO** |
| **I confirm that I am able to work with a research team based in the ARC West region (Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Bath and NE Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Swindon).** | **YES**  **NO** |
| **Are there any restrictions on your availability for an internship opportunity 1st June and 31st September 2024?** |  |

**Key Information Required**

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| **Explain your reasons for applying for the internship and what you hope to gain from the experience.  This statement should be no more than 400 words and typed in a 12 pt Calibri font.** |

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| **Explain why you believe health and care professionals should engage with research.  This statement should be no more than 400 words and typed in a 12 pt Calibri font.** |

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| **Provide your Curriculum Vitae (CV) below.**   * **Include information about the modules you have completed and marks obtained.** * **Provide the name and contact details for one academic referee.** * **You do not need to repeat your contact details.**   **Your CV should be no more than 2 pages long and typed in a 12 pt Calibri font.** |

**To submit your expression of interest**

Email your completed expression of interest to Dr. Mary Cramp, [mary.cramp@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:mary.cramp@uwe.ac.uk) by **2pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024.**

**The Next Steps**

* You will receive information about the potential internship projects that are available and you will be asked to select your top two preferences.
* Your expression of interest will be reviewed by leads for your selected internship opportunities and candidates will be selected for interview based on their written expression of interest.
* You may be invited to attend an interview in late March or early April.
* You will be informed of the outcome of the interview once confirmation of funding is received from NIHR. It is anticipated that this will be in April.