

Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (Department of Health Policy)

Summer Undergraduate Internships

The [Care Policy and Evaluation Centre](#) (CPEC) at the [London School of Economics and Political Science](#) (LSE) is an international research centre working mainly in the areas of long-term care (social care), mental health, developmental disabilities and other health issues. The Centre is affiliated to the Department of Health Policy at LSE. Our research regularly informs policy and practice decisions at the local, national and international levels.

CPEC currently has opportunities available for two individuals to gain research experience and learn about social care research to start by 29 July 2024.

CPEC Internships

We are currently offering two six-week Summer Undergraduate Internships to individuals interested in support one of the following research and policy projects:

1. A realist action research scoping study on understanding the influence of diverse cultural backgrounds and ethnicity as barriers to access and uptake of social care services

The Interns would learn a) learn qualitative research analysis skills when assisting analysis b) become familiar with the qualitative software package of NVivo c) observe finalising recommendations through co-production, pathways to impact, and dissemination for this research study.

2. ARC-NT Social Care Capacity Building Programme's Learning Network

The Interns would a) assist in planning knowledge exchange activities for one of the Learning Network events between social care researchers, practitioners, and wider social care stakeholders

3. National Priorities Programme for Adult Social Care and Social Work

The Interns would a) join non-confidential consortium and focussed workstream meetings, and be exposed to the different research methods used across the Programme (i.e. scoping review, interview data collection methods, Delphi methods).

The Interns will join CPEC and be based at the LSE for the duration of their Internship. They will receive one hour of individual in-person supervision per week to set tasks and discuss skills development. They will shadow the Internship host, Dr Sarah Jasim, on non-confidential research and policy meetings and activities to gain first-hand experience of research and policy activities. The Interns will join CPEC events and activities.

Experience and skills

These Internship opportunities are available to individuals in their second or third year of undergraduate studies in health, social care/work or a related discipline.

Individuals should have:

- good analytical skills, and be able to demonstrate the relevant methods and/or topic experience (see above)
- the ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts, theories and methodologies
- strong IT skills, in particular in Word and Excel
- good written and verbal communication skills
- a strong work ethic and a demonstrated ability to show initiative and to work to deadlines.

Knowledge of social care, dementia and/or mental health practice and policy in England and/or in developing countries would be useful.

Funding available

A stipend of £5,000 will be offered to the successful Interns.

Individuals should be based in the UK and able to either travel or relocate to London for the duration of the Internship (reasonable travel and accommodation costs to travel to the LSE will be provided if needed). We will provide abundant opportunities for networking and learning, including access to a training budget of £200 per intern.

Informal queries

Please email any queries to s.jasim@lse.ac.uk.

Application process

To apply for this post, please complete [this form](https://forms.office.com/e/E8jshuctPy) (<https://forms.office.com/e/E8jshuctPy>) which includes a 300-word written/audio/video statement of motivation and provide information on any reasonable adjustments you may require to undertake the internship. You will also need to e-mail a copy of your brief 2-page CV and proof of degree enrolment (i.e. a university transcript) to s.jasim@lse.ac.uk.

Should you have any queries about the role, please email Dr Sarah Jasim (s.jasim@lse.ac.uk). Regrettably, we are unable to accept any late applications. Successfully shortlisted applicants will be invited for a short online 20-min interview on either 25th or 26 July 2024 (please make a note of these dates).

The deadline for applications is 15.00 on Tuesday 23 July 2024.