NIHR ARC-GM Public Health Research Internship

Overview

The Public Health Research Internship Scheme offers an opportunity for professionals working in public health across Greater Manchester to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence in using research and evidence to inform public health practice.

The programme is designed to support professional development through protected time to explore a public health challenge and build connections with researchers and colleagues across the Greater Manchester system.

The Internship will provide opportunities to:

- Develop skills in finding, interpreting and applying research evidence
- Explore a public health topic or challenge of relevance to your role
- Gain experience of using evidence to inform policy, service development or decision-making
- Build relationships with researchers, practitioners and policy-makers across Greater Manchester
- Develop confidence in communicating and sharing evidence with a range of audiences
- Learn from public health and research leaders across the region
- Contribute to the wider public health research and innovation community

Funding

The Public Health Research Internship is a part-time funded opportunity for up to 12 months.

NIHR ARC-GM will provide up to £25,000 backfill funding to support successful applicants to undertake the Internship at approximately one day a week for 12 months, enabling dedicated time for learning, development and project work.

What support will be available?

All interns will receive:

- A tailored programme of training and development opportunities
- Access to a £1,000 personal development budget (administered by ARC-GM, please note there will be no additional funding provided for research activities)
- Mentoring and support from ARC-GM staff and partners
- Opportunities to network with fellow interns and public health professionals across Greater Manchester
- Access to research expertise and specialist knowledge

- Support to develop a project (to be delivered within the protected internship time), for example a local service evaluation or evidence synthesis, aligned with their learning and development goals and organisational priorities.
- Opportunities to share learning and showcase their work within the wider system

Who should apply?

We welcome applications from individuals who:

- Are working in public health in Greater Manchester, and employed by a Greater Manchester local authority (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford or Wigan), the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), or the Greater Manchester Public Health Network
- Have an interest in developing their understanding and use of research and evidence
- Are keen to build their skills and experience in evidence-informed public health practice
- Are motivated to improve population health outcomes through the use of research and evidence
- Have support from their employing organisation to undertake the internship

Key dates

Nomination form submission deadline	5pm, 9th November
Shortlisting panel decisions	By 13th November
Interviews	W/C 23rd November
Interview outcome	W/C 23rd November
Start date	11th January 2027

Application process

- All applications must be submitted via the sponsor form and sent to arc-gm@nihr.ac.uk.
- Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Monday 9th November.
- Please contact Karishma.mistry@manchester.ac.uk if you have any questions about the award or recruitment process.