

My ARC- GM Internship Learning Experience Bini George

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My ARC-GM Research Internship: A Journey of Growth and Opportunities

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Inclusive Research.
- Manchester Measuring Inequalities Toolkit.
- Translational Research Skills Training.
- Cochrane training.
- Scoping review with EMPHNET- certificate.
- Attend Critical review sessions at University of Manchester and access to the CLR handbook.
- Access to the Library at University of Manchester

RESEARCH TOOLS

- Open science Framework (OSF)
- Rayyan app
- Mixed Method Appraisal Tool (MMAT)
- Prisma guidelines
- Prospero database

ACADEMIC LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Scoping review methodology.
- Execute data extraction systematically.
- Conduct comprehensive and reproducible literature review searches.
- Develop Poster presentation and improve skills in abstract writings.

NETWORKING

- Redic incubator group at Brimingham.
- Nursing professors from Ruskin Anglia, Sheffield universities and my professors from India.
- With the NIHR ARC-GM Digital Health Theme members.
- Research collaborators with Northwest R&D



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Engaged in Mock Interviews:

Participated as a pilot candidate, for a larger project involved in predictive modelling of no show of patients in MFT

Built Collaborations:

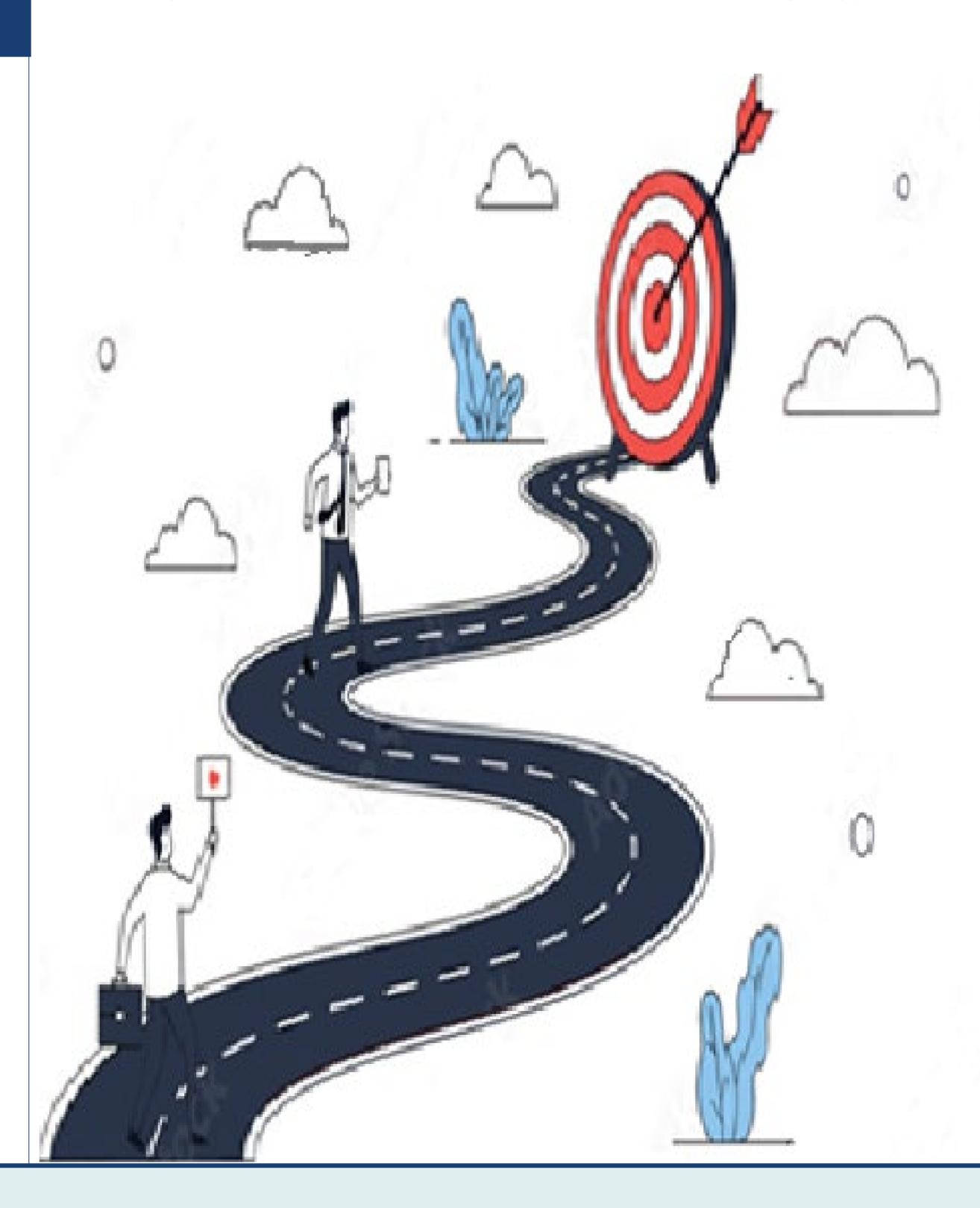
Established long-term relationships with the Digital Health Theme members at ARC GM.

Developed Communication Skills:

Learned to write blogs and contributed articles for the REDIC Incubator (Birmingham) and ARC-GM during the internship.

Academic Skills Developed:

Mastered systematic literature search techniques using research databases: OVID Medline, CINAHL, EMBASE, SCOPUS, APA PsycINFO. Screening literatures searches and full text data extraction using Rayyan app.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established connections with research professionals (great for future collaborations and mentorship).
- > Refined research skills through practical experience and trainings.
- Attended research collaboration workshops, webinars, meetings and the International Nursing Research RCN conference in September 2025.
- Secured 30 study days for research activities— which was a major enabler for productivity.
- Actively working on improving academic writing (posters, abstracts, manuscripts).
- Became part of the NIHR ARC-GM family.
- Recognized by my team for doing the scoping review that informs strategies to improve clinic attendance.
- > Proud to contribute and feel empowered as a Research Champion.



SCOPING REVIEW IN PROGRESS

Exploring Factors and Strategies to Improve Attendance Among People with Hepatitis B in Secondary Care: A Scoping Review.

- 1. Protocol Registration: The review protocol was successfully registered on the Open Science Framework (OSF).
- 2. Literature Search: A comprehensive search identified 105 studies, which were imported into the Rayyan app for screening. 29 duplicate records were removed.
- 3. Screening Process: Two independent reviewers screened 76 studies.
 Following title and abstract screening, 61 studies were excluded based on predefined eligibility criteria.
- 4. Data Extraction and Appraisal: Full-text data extraction was conducted for 20 studies. The Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool (MMAT) was used to assess methodological quality. Eligible studies are currently being included in the final synthesis for the scoping review.

MY FUTURE CAREER GOALS

- Publish the scoping review in journals.
- Poster presentation at RCN conference in 2026.
- Support future research interns.
- Continue the journey in research academia and apply for Pre-doctoral fellowship awards and Doctoral Funding.

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