**Supervisors and projects**

The successful candidate will be based within the Centre of Surgical Research (CSR) at the, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol. The intern will work within a team of methodologists in the NIHR Bristol Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Surgical and Orthopaedic Innovation theme and the University of Bristol Centre for Surgical Research.

The internship will be embedded in an ongoing research project using real-world data. The ALPACA (reAL-time eProms for shAred deCision-mAking) study aims to co-develop an inclusive decision support intervention to optimise shared decision making (SDM) for patients who have been offered treatment involving surgery. The programme implemented a system for automated, real-time measurement and feedback of patients’ experiences of SDM using electronic patient-reported measures. It informs a quality improvement project at a local National Health Service Trust.

There will be **opportunities to attend seminars, events and team meetings**, and gain experience of successful ways of working within a multidisciplinary environment. NIHR Bristol BRC and CSR research is multi-disciplinary, characterised by strong collaborative work between academic healthcare professionals, methodologists and health services researchers across universities and the NHS. The ALPACA study also benefits from a well-established and diverse patient advisory group with extensive patient, public, community involvement and engagement (PPCIE) activities. The intern will have the opportunity to shadow and actively participate in PPCIE activities (e.g. attend PPCIE meetings/events).

**The supervisory team** consists of clinical and non-clinical researchers from various backgrounds (health services, social sciences). Supervision will be led by [Christin Hoffmann](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/people/person/Christin-Hoffmann-926f6fe6-037a-4f61-b505-b5865b6e6858/) (Research Fellow) and day-to-day supervision will be supported by [Rhiannon Macefield](https://research-information.bris.ac.uk/en/persons/rhiannon-c-macefield) (Senior Research Fellow) and [Sam Lawday](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/people/person/Sam-Lawday-cdea99a4-6e70-4d68-888e-6f0e4d9949db/) (NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow). The candidate will be supported through regular meetings, either in-person and/or remotely.

Further information about the team and projects

* Centre for Surgical Research: <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/population-health-sciences/centres/surgical-research/>
* NIHR Bristol BRC Surgical and Orthopeadic Innovation theme: <https://www.bristolbrc.nihr.ac.uk/research/surgical-and-orthopaedic-innovation/>