Equalities in Dementia (EquaDem) Network Plus

Research Internships

EquaDem research internships provide an opportunity for Health and Social Care Professionals, Third Sector and Local Authority Representatives to build their research capacity. An internship involves release from the workplace for up to one day a week for up to 12 months to carry out a supervised research project. Prior formal research training experience is not a pre-requisite to application as individuals at all levels will be considered. However, all applicants will require:

- a strong interest in research,
- commitment to the programme (including an end of internship presentation),
- full managerial support, and
- the ability to attend the supervisory meetings and training sessions.

The Internship is designed to support individuals (joint applicants are also welcome) to undertake a small research project under the supervision of experienced researchers from one of the Equadem participating HEIs. Interns must submit their own research idea that must also align with their organisation's priorities.

Internships must adhere to the following key principles:

- involve co-production with people with lived experience/ service users.
- focus on providing solutions to inequalities

Applicants should refer to the Focus On Research and Equity (FOR EQUITY) web-based platform when considering the health inequality aspects of their applications.

Interns will be supervised by two Equadem core members and will have access to on-line training modules to support with their research. They would also be expected to:

- attend Equadem events and workshops
- contribute to dissemination of their research e.g. blog, webpage
- present their research findings at the Annual Equadem Conference

It is mandatory that you contact an Equadem supervisor before submitting your application to discuss your planned project idea.

Please contact one of our core team members from the following:

- Dr Clarissa Giebel, email: Clarissa.Giebel@liverpool.ac.uk – University of Liverpool
- Professor Dame Louise Robinson, email: a.l.robinson@newcastle.ac.uk – Newcastle University
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- Dr Catherine Robinson, email: catherine.robinson@manchester.ac.uk – University of Manchester
- Dr Kritika Samsi, email: kritika.1.samsi@kcl.ac.uk – Kings College London
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Alternatively, you can contact Equademnetworkplus@liverpool.ac.uk to be assigned a supervisor.

Calls for this internship are annual.
The next application deadline: 27th November 2026, 5pm.

For all types of internships, salary back-fill will be provided to the intern's employing organisation to assist with time release. This will involve up to £5000 salary backfill (of which 80% is covered by this fund and 20% to be contributed by the intern host organisation) and up to £500 for research-related costs (such as public involvement, transcription, co-production) (of which 80% is covered by this fund and 20% to be contributed by the intern host organisation). Please also factor travel to Equadem events and annual conference into your research budget

During their internship, interns will receive supervisory and other support at the appropriate HEI. Interns will also have the benefit of working alongside other interns and researchers throughout the programme in a multidisciplinary environment.

It is recommended that anyone interested in these opportunities should email **Equadem@liverpool.ac.uk** for more information and to request an application form. Please specify which kind of internship you are interested in. The team are happy to discuss these internships and other potential opportunities before the application stage. To submit the application, the completed application form needs to be sent in pdf format by 5.00pm 27th November 2026, to Equadem@liverpool.ac.uk.

You will find out if you have been shortlisted by Friday the 18th of December, with interviews planned to take place in the week commencing the 18th of January 2027