

Professional Internships for PhD Students (PIPS)



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About Nexcea

At Nexcea, we partner with organisations across the life sciences sector to deliver solutions that enhance patient outcomes, improve healthcare systems, and drive clinical and commercial success. Our work spans:

- Strategy development
- Stakeholder engagement
- Market research
- Launch planning and commercialisation
- Medical and scientific communications

Project Outline

Recent client projects have included:

- **Market mapping:** mapping the market for a new therapeutic class being developed by a UK university spin-out
- **NHS collaboration:** working with NHS clinicians to develop a therapy review toolkit to facilitate shared decision-making and improve patient outcomes
- **Pharmaceutical insights:** developing a dashboard for a UK pharmaceutical company to show medicine dispensing across NHS hospitals to inform the annual planning process
- **Service improvement:** undertaking a clinical service improvement project in collaboration with clinical teams at several UK hospitals
- **Clinical study reporting:** writing up the Phase I, II, and III clinical studies for a medicine developed by a global pharmaceutical company
- **Health economics:** developing a health economic model to inform pricing and the value proposition for a device being developed by a UK medical device start-up
- **Business model research:** researching business model options for a German university spin-out developing a medical device

Placement students have previously contributed to projects such as:

- Preparing manuscripts and reports.
- Developing dashboards and analytical tools for pharmaceutical planning.
- Conducting interviews with rare disease patients and clinicians to gather insights

The role is based in our Didsbury office, 20 minutes by bus or tram from the city centre, with occasional travel to scientific conferences and client meetings.

Essential Skills

We are seeking an intern eager to gain experience as a strategy and medical communications consultant. The ideal candidate will be pursuing a life sciences PhD and be prepared to undertake a variety of tasks. The role requires the ability to rapidly understand new information (such as a new therapy area or healthcare technology), strong interpersonal skills for positive client interactions, attention to detail when processing qualitative and quantitative data, analytical abilities to derive meaning from research, and well-developed written and verbal presentation skills to deliver reports and updates to clients.

Skills Developed

Interns will have the opportunity to develop expertise in:

- Strategy
- Marketing
- Medical communications
- Project management
- Client engagement

Number of Placements Offered

Up to three placements are available, depending on the number and nature of projects underway, and the time of year.

Possible Timeframe

The opportunities are available throughout the year and not limited to September start dates.

Application Process

For further details or to apply, please email vacancies@nexcea.com with a CV and cover letter quoting 'BBSRC DTP Placement' in the subject line. Please also include the dates during which you hope to undertake your placement.