

2023-24

Applied Personal Excellence Pathway (APEP)

What is it?

APEPs are a student selected project in a research or non-research topic, the latter are usually a combination of a literature review, critical appraisal and audit. Students in both should learn to consolidate an ability to critically review literature and understand methodologies potentially including basic statistical analysis if appropriate.

They will be expected to produce a 5000 - 10000 word report and a 5 minute presentation by the end of the placement.

When?

APEP is a 9 week block placement.

It runs 22/04/2024 - 21/06/2024

Supervisors can take up to 4 APEP students at a time or 2 if it is their first year.

What do I have to do?

You should offer at least 1-2 hours contact time each week per student. This will involve keeping the student on track with their project, trouble shooting their methods, promoting critical appraisal, reading drafts of their report/presentation, and you will ultimately mark their final report.

You cannot be on annual leave for week 1 (22/04/24-26/04/24) or weeks 6-8 (28/05/24-14/06/24) as these are weeks when the students will need the most contact and support from you.

If you would like to do a research project ethics approval must be gained by the supervisor in advance of the project.

You don't need to offer clinical teaching or time in surgery, but students may well value some patient contact or other learning activities relevant to the project.

You assess your student's report at the end of the placement and are invited to their presentation, although your attendance at this is not mandatory.

How much?

Each APEP student attracts a payment of £1800.

How do I sign up for this?

You can sign up for an APEP project by contacting us as below and filling in a summary sheet about your project.

These placements are student selected so unfortunately there is no guarantee that you will be allocated a student. However, students will select their choice based on the project and information provided by the practice about what they can offer in the placement so the more appealing this looks the better the chances of a student selecting your placement.

Our students are very keen to do projects in unusual subjects (sports medicine, deprivation, public health, medicolegal topics etc.) as well as clinical subjects, so think widely. It's also worth using a eye catching, funny or memorable title to stand out.

If you need some ideas of titles or projects, we can help you think of some, just get in touch.

What support will I get?

There is a short mandatory training video that chosen supervisors will be emailed and asked to complete before the APEP starts.

There are also regular, free, PRIME workshops on how to be an APEP supervisor that run at the university for half a day for those who would like further support.

The university has a dedicated ethics team to help you with any application or questions about ethics applications.

Contact us to find out more?

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