



## **Sepsis Research FEAT**

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## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY 2026**

### **Who we are and what we do**

We are the UK's leading sepsis research charity.

**Our Vision is:** To Stop Sepsis Now. **Our Mission is:** To save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis patients by funding research and raising awareness.

We:

- Support research into sepsis
- Raise sepsis awareness across the UK
- Shape policy and decision-making involving sepsis across the UK
- Tell sepsis stories through the eyes of people affected by it

Early-stage sepsis research is critically underfunded, risking missed breakthroughs. We have a track record of spotting life-changing research before others and providing early-stage or proof-of-concept funding that enables that research to attract investment scale up in partnership - a crucial step towards it reaching patients and saving lives. For example, our early investment in the [GenOMICC](#) study, helped this program become the largest of its kind in history, and the only critical care or infectious disease genetics study ever to lead directly to a new effective drug.

Our campaigns are award-winning, and range from awareness campaigns for new mums, to university students, to seasonal winter campaigns, and campaigns targeting certain UK cities. We also have educational programs for schools. Our website features over 100 patient and public stories, including from our passionate ambassadors. Our 170 strong Action Team of volunteers drives community-based fundraising, educates the public, takes part in research, and helps us engage the media.

We are a virtual charity with no physical office. Our energetic team span across the UK, which allows us to engage widely.

Team members have previously successfully hosted DTP / BBSRC-funded Interns including most recently from University of Manchester and are familiar with what tends to work well.

### **Why sepsis matters**

Sepsis is the leading cause of preventable death worldwide. Everybody is at risk. In the UK, it causes

more deaths than breast, bowel, and prostate cancer combined, equivalent to 5 deaths every hour. Two out of every five cases of sepsis are in children under five. Around 50% of survivors suffer long-term physical or mental health effects, such as limb loss or PTSD.

Sepsis occurs when the body's response to an infection spirals rapidly out of control, damaging its own tissues and organs. Any type of infection can lead to sepsis. Better diagnosis and new treatments are urgently needed. In the meantime, knowing the [signs and symptoms](#), and acting fast, saves lives.

### **Lead Contact**

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### **Project Outline**

As the leading charity in the UK funding sepsis research, it is crucial that we communicate effectively about the research we fund – particularly its impact to date – to our audiences including the public, policymakers, donors, and the wider UK media.

The PIPS Intern would take a key role in planning and delivering a suite of high-quality research content for the charity's website, which would be then published and pushed out across the charity's communication channels.

This is a fast-paced role with the opportunity to rapidly earn responsibility quickly. The Intern would take the lead on planning and creating up to 50 website articles, and drive delivery in co-ordination with our Chief Medical Officer, colleagues from communications, fundraising and marketing, ensuring the content was fit-for-purpose. This therefore provides project management experience in addition to the other editorial skills. The charity is rapidly growing with a team of around 20+ staff and trustees plus nearly 200 active volunteers. Therefore, a PIPS Intern would quickly become a well-known and valued member of the growing team, able to make a significant and measurable difference quite quickly. Indicators of success would be in terms of articles published, audience numbers reached, and engagement on the content.

Alongside the editorial work we can offer additional opportunities to help get involved in the charity's in-person events which include community fundraising efforts, conferences, and donor networking events.

The goals of the project are:

- To raise awareness of Sepsis Research FEAT and the research it funds among target audiences through content creation, communications, and by working with external partners to amplify the reach of this content
- To increase the charity's engagement on social media channels and dedicated web pages
- To achieve media coverage
- To support the charity's participation in external events

### **Essential Skills**

- Supportive of the charity's mission
- Ability to organise and prioritise work
- Good writing/written communication skills, and the ability to draft engaging copy and content
- Good IT skills and computer literacy
- Willingness to develop new skills and receive feedback
- Ability to work remotely and to develop productive working relationships with colleagues as part

of a team

### **Skills Developed**

- Editorial / writing
  - Communications
  - Website content management and SEO
  - Marketing
  - Project Management
  - Relationship management (colleagues, patients, experts, external partners)
  - Self-discipline and time management
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### **Number of Placements Offered**

1 for this project / job description

Should we receive many high-quality applications we may offer further, similar projects for an additional Intern to develop similar skills in science communication, events, and campaigns.

### **Possible Timeframe**

We are looking for an Intern who can join us as soon as possible.

However, we understand that September 2026 is the standard start time for Internships to begin, and this is also fine.

### **Application Process**

*Please note this Job advertisement is only open to applications from UK based PhD students who are funded to complete a 3-month placement as part of their DTP for example through BBSRC. The charity is unable to pay a salary to Interns. The charity cannot host unpaid Interns.*

If you are interested in applying, please email our Communications Lead Abi Dawson at:

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- A CV
- A brief supporting statement outlining your motivation for applying, what you believe you can offer, and when you are available to start