



Hull York Medical School

Implemented Activities

Academic Foundation Programme Mock Interview Sessions

- The INSPIRE programme provided support for Academic Foundation Programme Mock Interview sessions in October/November in 2017 (one evening) and in 2018 (one in York, one in Hull)
- These events were conceived and run entirely by students and facilitated by current AFP doctors, many former Hull York Medical students
- Sessions were attended by Year 5 AFP applicants, and expanded in 2018 based on feedback from 2017

HYMS Student Research Conference

- INSPIRE sponsored the HYMS Student Research Conference in both 2017 and 2018, providing students within the School as well as other regional medical schools the opportunity to present their research and network with other students and staff.
- Student members of the HYMS Student Research Society led in the organisation of the conference, including raising external sponsorship, inviting leading clinical academics to give inspiring keynote speeches and asking staff to lead workshops on research-related topics.

Student Research Projects

- INSPIRE provided funding to support Student Research Projects, organised by the Academic Lead, who invites researchers from the School, NHS, Hull and York to supervise student projects.
- Applications are assessed competitively and funding was awarded to 11 student projects in 2018 and 16 in 2019.
- Students completed project reports, serving as abstracts to the Student Research Conference.

Impacts

Positive impact of INSPIRE programme

- The Academic Lead won the award for 'Outstanding Contribution to the Student Experience' in 2018 based on her work with INSPIRE, nominated and voted on entirely by students. This demonstrates the positive impact and wide appreciation students have for the INSPIRE programme within the Hull York Medical School.

AFP Mock Interview sessions

- The Hull York Medical School ranks top in the North (5th-7th nationally) in percentage of students applying for Academic Foundation Programme (AFP) positions (30% of Year 5s). With the introduction of our INSPIRE-sponsored AFP Mock Interview sessions, the percentage of students successfully obtaining places has steadily increased, from 39% in 2016 to 58% in 2019.

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Opportunities from research projects and conferences

- Students involved in our INSPIRE-sponsored research projects and conferences over 2016-19 produced over 30 publications, half as first authors. A number have gained national and international recognition, presenting their research at external research conferences and winning awards and prizes for their work.

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