



University of Birmingham

Implemented Activities:

INSPIRE National Research Conference

- Held our 'Frontiers of Research: an INSPIRE Conference on Translational and Innovative Medicine' on 5th October 2019.
- The conference offered a series of talks from speakers at the forefront of their fields in translational or innovative medicine and workshops aimed at providing skills applicable across several areas of academic medicine.
- There were also competitive poster and oral presentations.

Academic Skills Series

- An Academic Skills Training day was held on 1st June 2019, hosted by the previous student lead for the INSPIRE awards, Dr Lauren Quinn who is now an academic FY2 trainee.
- The event was open to medical students and junior doctors from across the West Midlands region and included advice on how to get involved in research, boosting your portfolio, tips on presentation skills, poster design, publication writing and medical statistics, improving teaching skills and CV and interview advice.
- A workshop also took place on 22nd November 2019 on 'Developing your Medical CV as a Medical Student'.
- Delivered by two foundation doctors from Thames Valley and focussed on how to develop a medical portfolio as a medical student, including completing successful research projects and how to get published and present at a national level.
- Eight workshops have also been undertaken throughout the grant award period including, intercalation promotion, AFP application, how to critically appraise, essay writing, audit skills, getting involved in research and publishing, designing a poster and presenting at a conference.

INSPIRE Networking Dinner

- The INSPIRE Networking Dinner took place on 25th February 2020.

Chronicle of Student Research Success

- 500 copies of The Chronicle of Research Success was produced and presented to all 372 new Medical and Dental students joining the Medical School in the Autumn of 2019.
- BAMSoc lead on producing the Chronicle, assisted by Dr Kristien Boelaert and Charlotte Maybury.

Impacts:

Relationship and Skills Development:

- Developing and delivering the INSPIRE application has created a collaboration between the CAT Team and students that is now well established and has provided

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a good basis to work on other projects, outside of the INSPIRE remit. Students who assist with the application and activities benefit from learning new skills such as event management, communication skills, presenting to an audience and budget management.

Piloting New Initiatives

- The INSPIRE Scheme has provided us with the opportunity to try new ways of engaging students so that we are able to explore which activities and initiatives are most effective and impactful, helping us ensure that what we offer is meeting the evolving needs and expectations of our medical and dental students going forward.

Financial

- INSPIRE has enabled us to deliver activities that engage and encourage our students to pursue an academic career. In the current economic climate, having funds dedicated to promoting academia is a huge benefit to our students. We always endeavour to utilise our INSPIRE awards to their greatest potential to deliver as many quality activities as possible to students from Birmingham and beyond.

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