



University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine

Implemented Activities:

INSPIRE Research Conference

- The annual INSPIRE Research Conference has continued to provide an excellent forum for promoting clinical research, students to present their work, and encouraging them to consider a career as a clinical academic.
- It is the first academic conference that half of the student attendees have attended, and 75% of attendees felt motivated/very motivated to get more involved in research.

Presenting Research

- The INSPIRE programme has also enabled students to present first author research at either national or international conferences, with 86 students receiving travel awards in the 2018-19 academic year.

Systematic Review Training

- This programme has promoted a better understanding of systematic reviews, and increased confidence in participating in the process.

Workshops

- Continued the highly successful series of workshops, including the Student Selected Component Success Workshop, Applying to the Academic Foundation Programme Workshop, Summer Research Information Evening.

Impacts:

Evaluation of the fourth round of INSPIRE has demonstrated a clear impact in inspiring individuals to consider a clinical academic career and recognising the role of medical research in developing clinical practice.

Increased Academic Research:

- The INSPIRE scheme has raised the profile of, and increased accessibility to, academic research amongst medical students.
- This has been achieved by a change in the medical curriculum in direct response to the INSPIRE scheme, and through INSPIRE Travel Awards supporting students to present their research at national and international meetings.

Student Research Activities:

- The annual Cambridge University Students' Clinical Research Society (CUSCRS)-INSPIRE conference has provided an excellent forum for the sharing and dissemination of student research activities, and provided a valuable first experience of a scientific conference for individuals at the beginning of their academic careers.

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Training in Research Skills:

- The INSPIRE scheme has promoted training in important research skills, in particular systematic reviews.
- Students have applied these skills whilst embedded in research groups and contributed to published works as co-authors.

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