



University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine

Implemented Activities

Research Forum:

- The INSPIRE team and VetGEMS organised the third annual research forum with research prizes and bursaries which enabled those students undertaking vacation scholarships and/or intercalated degrees during the previous summer/year to present their work to others who have not undertaken a vacation scholarship.

Blue Sky Lecture Programme

- Veterinary researchers were invited to speak about how they developed their passion and motivation for research to the students.

Student Mobility

- Provided opportunities for student mobility to attend learned societies and research conferences in/outside the UK.

INSPIRE Networks

- INSPIRE Research Ambassador Network: Expanded our network of Veterinary and Research Ambassadors to provide students with the opportunity to:
 - Have one-to-one meetings to discuss research career pathways in areas in which they are interested
 - Obtain a source of research-based mentorship for the duration of the BVMS programme
- Student INSPIRE Network: VetGEMS hosted talks by PhD students to expose students to the achievability of a career in research after graduation and the many ways to get involved in research.
 - Spoke about their veterinary journey after graduation and explained how they came to the decision to go back to university to pursue research careers
 - Speakers emphasised the lack of clinically-experienced veterinarians in research and encouraged students to consider a research career path after graduation

Impacts

Opportunities to Present Research:

- The annual INSPIRE Research Forum provides an opportunity for the students who completed research projects to present their results as poster or oral presentations.

Conference Attendance:

- Travel grants allow students to attend the 1st Veterinary Student Research Conference, the National Students One Health Conference, the Association of

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Veterinary Teachers and Research Workers meeting and the British Society for Investigative Dermatology Annual Meeting and RCVS Fellowship Day.

- We also supported students interested in enrolling for intercalated degrees, providing travel bursaries to attend the National INSPIRE Intercalators' Conference.

Increased Awareness of Research:

- During the Fresher's Fayre, VetGEMS reached out to first year students, using a display containing photographs of Glasgow veterinary students who received funds from previous INSPIRE programmes to attend conferences.
- Meeting the VetGEMS students provided an opportunity for first year students to learn more about research before their formal teaching began.

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