



University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

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### ***Implemented Activities***

#### Summer Research Project

- 5 INSPIRE-funded research studentships were undertaken
- We supported projects in areas ranging from informing policy, linking anatomy to disease risk, to understanding development of anti-microbial resistance.
- Having the INSPIRE funds already in place, allowed us to have introductory mixer event, allowing students to meet supervisors and understand more about the process of applying for external funds.

#### Conference Travel

- Funding from this year's scheme has supported attendance to present and network at conferences. We were also able to support a student to attend a global precision medicine network meeting in New York, USA. The meeting was an extremely positive experience, leading directly to PhD studies for the student.

#### Student and Alumni Career Mentoring

- We have continued to mediate alumni mentoring and careers advice as well as outreach activities, opening up avenues to a diverse range of careers within and outside veterinary medicine and challenging the real and perceived barriers to these careers.
- Outreach activities have sought to challenge the real and perceived barriers to becoming a veterinary surgeon and engaging with research. These activities have equipped students with professional insights and skills to not only succeed within the professional environment, but also to offer informed opinion on current policy.

Having continuing INSPIRE funds has allowed us to be consistent in what we have been able to offer and to build upon our successes. Examples of student feedback:

- *"I can see how the involvement of vets in practice was fundamental for this research"*
- *"The opportunities to get involved with research in the future is very exciting!"*
- *"Attending has made me so much more aware of the significance of research and the opportunities to get involved in my future career"*

### ***Impacts***

#### Research experience

- Direct hands on experience of research for multiple students, using INSPIRE funds and leveraging of other funding sources.

#### Wider research community involvement

- Involvement with the wider research community within in the University, nationally and internationally, providing links that go beyond the experience and an opportunity to see different routes into research.

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Networking and career opportunities

- Exposure to networking and research career-development opportunities. INSPIRE enabled students to be part of teams shaping international research and policy, providing exposure to different roles and career paths as well as future opportunities.

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