



The University of Leeds School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

Research Taster Visits:

 A half day research taster visit to the biomedical research campus at St. James' University hospital in Leeds to help engage first year medical students with research.

Intercalation advertisement:

• A stall at the Intercalating fair for MRes Molecular Medicine supporting academic careers in medicine.

Themed taster evenings linked to postgraduate academic training careers in medicine:

- A Medical themed evening centred on oncology with collaboration between the undergraduate student society OncSoc and clinical and academic departments including NHS clinical Training Programme Directors.
- A Surgery themed evening linked with the anaesthesia society 'uGas'. This included an evening workshop and presentations on anaesthesia/intensive care medicine research and the opportunities available.
- A Health Sciences themed evening with a networking event including discussions on palliative care and career pathways.
- A Second Health Sciences themed evening with networking and an Academic Psychiatry Q&A.
- A Pathology themed evening linked to the Pathology Enterprise Research Knowledge Society (PERKS) career development workshop.
- The Dental INSPIRE Undergraduate Research Conference.

Academic Career Information:

• Leaflets were developed for clinical specialties with an overview of Integrated Academic Training pathways and a focus on individual trainees career paths.

Conference Attendance:

- The NSAMR Conference.
- The Royal College of Surgeons student & foundations Doctors Symposium.

Reports from the students that attended the conferences can be found <u>here</u>.

The Leeds Medical Education Academy Summer School.

Impacts

Increased Awareness:

 Undergraduate students have an increased awareness of possible research opportunities within the clinical academic career pathway and enhanced

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engagement between undergraduate students, student societies, early career clinical academic trainees and senior clinical academics.

Conference Attendance:

• Our INSPIRE Undergraduate Conference Travel Fund enabled a cohort of students to experience presenting their research at national and international conferences; this resulted in several students winning prizes for their research.

Career Consideration:

 MBChB undergraduates organised a regional research conference at Leeds which showcased academic medical and dental careers – feedback indicated many were considering a career in academic research as a result of increased awareness of opportunities. We are now planning a national undergraduate conference for 2018.

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