



University of Aberdeen School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

Implemented Activities

Scholarships:

- Advertising various scholarships including co-producing a leaflet with students for the National Scholarship scheme
- Shortlisting and interviewing for:
 - INSPIRE interdisciplinary scholarship (alongside Aberdeen Summer Research Scholarships).
 - National Scholarships (Skype interviews).
 - International Scholarships.
- Liaising with International Collaborating Organisations which hosted the International Scholarships in Italy and USA

Events and Associated Activities:

- Organising laboratory visit for year 1 and 2 MBChB students to raise the awareness of local research opportunities.
- A rolling programme of academic training sessions delivered by senior academics from the school covering comprehensive range of topics.
- INSPIRE Intercalators Symposium (30th October 2019).
- Summer Research Scholarship Symposia (20th November 2019).
- Publication of two abstract books for above symposia.
- Designing 3 roller-banners for internal and external events (including multidisciplinary medical/dental banner).
- Liaising with clinical departments and the University academic teams to raise matched funds

Aberdeen Student Society of Academic Medicine (ASSAM) Activities:

- Journal clubs.
- Career evening.
- Participating in TechFest event with all associated logistics (flyers about the event and project synopsis).
- Academic Foundation Application information session.
- Scholarships information sessions.
- Fresher events (ASSAM stall).
- ASSAM website development.

Impacts

Enhanced student interest in research

- We focused on promoting excellence in research by inspiring students into clinical academia. We enhanced scholarship programmes, which nurture future clinical academics with the aim of addressing local shortages of clinical academics. This is evidenced by increased numbers of AFP applicants from the UoA.

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Student Public Engagement

- With Aberdeen Student Society for Academic Medicine, we provided support to run two TechFest events. This provided exposure to public engagement for students who are future academics. As a key partner in the local outcome improvement plan, UoA's engagement with the public impacts the North of Scotland with the vision "a place where all people can prosper".

National and International Scholarships

- Talented external medical/dental students were inspired to explore clinical academia by working with UoA world-leading researchers. International scholarships had focussed, long-lasting impact on top UoA students and helped establish global collaborations/networks.

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