



University of Liverpool School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

Development of the student INSPIRE committee and programme

- Everything was new, there was a template of what we intended to deliver, the grant application. However, we needed to establish processes, recruit a committee, publicise INSPIRE, what it meant and how it could help the students.

Support for the student research societies

- The student research conference (LivResSoc)
 - This was the first real recognition of INSPIRE by students and staff. This will be our main flagship for the next two academic years. It plays a major role in the research development and dissemination pathway.
- The extracurricular student research catalogue (LivAcaMedics).
 - An extended introduction to research, it has brought more clinicians in to the broader family of the School and for the students provided valuable content for their CV as well as points for foundation and core applications.
- Other student societies
 - An important part of INSPIRE development was the engagement with other student societies, we were able to support their activities thanks to the extension.

Celebrating and inspiring student research

- An important part of this is providing students with the tools to carry out their research (student stats workshops), RS support workshops and talks on how to write abstracts, present talks and poster.

Promote intercalation and Integrated Clinical Academic Training

- Intercalation promotion gained a lot from INSPIRE.
- The additional funds enabled a larger venue and refreshment which meant we held a series of mini presentations about intercalation, many by the students.
- We had stalls from a number of courses offering intercalation opportunities.

Clinical academic training

- Supporting the foundation applicants with their CV, statement writing and mock interview sessions was very important.
- We also learned that we need to raise the awareness of the academic pathway and focus on the foundation academic programme.

Impacts

Awareness of INSPIRE

- The programme was new to current Staff and students. The INSPIRE brand and name has become part of the School's fabric, with its own place in the Schools

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The Student research conference

- This enabled the formalisation of a development pathway, research is an integrated component of the MBChB course, but the potential of the research produced was not fully realised. The conference acts as a space where students can present early stage research output and get supportive feedback in a friendly environment.

Raising the profile of the academic foundation training programme

- This has historically been an individual student activity. With the support of INSPIRE we have raised the profile, awareness and support for applications.

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