



University of Nottingham

Proposal of Activities

- INSPIRE lecture series. The Medical Student Research Committee organise monthly lectures from October - March 2019, with the final lecture a keynote one. Evening events which are free for all students, and advertised to partner schools Nottingham Vet School, Leicester and Norwich. The key aims of the lecture series are to give a perspective on life as a clinical academic, and to provide role models who are at varying stages of their academic career. The student committee book an internationally renowned speaker known in general society as well as in medical practice for each series.
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- Academic Foundation Programme (AFP) Preparation Events. Plan to put on a series of events to raise the profile of the AFP programme, and to support individuals in applying for it. Events include:
 - An evening workshop delivered by a current AFP doctor introducing the AFP from their perspective, with an AFP "mixer", to which we invite current and previous AFP doctors, and the AFP directors
 - A session on critical appraisal of a paper, which has been used as an interview exercise for some AFP programmes
 - A clinical scenarios session
 - A mock interview day
- "The ""unofficial"" guide to the BMedSci. There's scope for medical peer support activities to help students pick departments, choose between projects, and learn from previous student experiences. Events include:

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- An unofficial booklet of how to get the most out of the BMedSci
 - A “speed dating” event, where ex BMedSci students have stalls and talk about their projects
 - Workshops for those in the middle of the BMedSci
 - Collaboration with other student groups – including the MedTech (Medical Technology) society.
- INSPIRE Research Internship Project (INSRIP). A matching scheme in which students are matched to academic investigators and undertake a brief research project in their research group over the summer holiday for years one and two.
 - INSPIRE Summer Student Bursary. Negotiated with Health Education East Midlands (HEEM) to secure funding on a trial basis two summer studentships. Each bursary would be £2000, intended as a stipend to cover the student’s accommodation and living expenses, with £500 to the research group.
 - Academic Medicine Arts Exhibition. Students invited to contribute to the exhibition. Works can be anything which represents the creative process of medical research, with a goal to raise the profile of academic medicine and broaden its appeal to students who may not consider it a creative process.
 - Industry visits. Plan visits to local industry in order to expose students to a broader range of clinical academic careers and working environments. Aim to undertake two “field trips” per year, and will invite students from Nottingham, Leicester and Norwich to attend (each school will arrange their own transport).
 - Two joint seminars/workshops between the medical and veterinary schools. Ask the students to organise speakers and topics, to ensure that they are relevant to both student bodies. Put on transport to and from the event for students
 - Conference travel bursary. Limited number of travel bursaries to be granted to part fund attendance at an international or national conference by medical students to present original research.

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