



The University of East Anglia (Norwich) Medical School

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### ***Implemented Activities***

#### **NATURE:**

- The students of Norwich Medical School used funds to create and support an undergraduate research group called NATURE (Norwich Academic Training for Undergraduates in Research) which has organised lecture series, journal clubs and research workshops and joined the National Student Association for Medical Research (NSAMR).

#### **SSS as a Gateway to Medical Research:**

- Publication of a Research Directory which lists research options under specific themes that cover clinical, biological and social science at UEA. The directory promotes research through a Student Selected Study (SSS) option where students work with a research mentor for up to two years and consider intercalation for MRes or MSc.

#### **The Annual East Midlands Medical Student Research Conference:**

- Held at Leicester (2013), Nottingham (2014) and UEA (2015), it has provided a forum for medical students to disseminate research findings from their research involvement.

Journal Clubs.

The Technology and Innovation Conference.

### ***Impacts***

#### **Building on Visions:**

- The INSPIRE programme builds on the Medical School's vision to train future researchers from their own medical students and increase numbers of graduates opting for academic medicine. INSPIRE provided the impetus to introduce the research focussed Student Selected Study (SSS) option in 2012. Year 2 and 3 students work with a research mentor who provides opportunities for students to generate and analyse primary datasets. Year 2 students are encouraged to stay with the same research mentor for year 3 and to consider intercalation. Intercalation rates have grown from 6 students (2012) to 60+ (2015) per annum.

#### **Summer Bursaries:**

- Summer bursaries from INSPIRE have allowed students to consolidate research carried out during SSS placements. This has underpinned an INSPIRE/SSS summer school (2015 & 2016) drawing on funds from INSPIRE, UEA, the Alzheimer' Disease Society and local CFS/ME charity.

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Collaboration:

- The Schools involvement in INSPIRE has been further supported by the INSPIRE special fund that funds a collaboration between UEA, Cambridge and Cardiff to generate a web-based database of research opportunities. The 'Medidem' ([www.medidem.ac.uk](http://www.medidem.ac.uk)) database allows students to identify research projects hosted in universities and NHS hospitals either locally or elsewhere within the UK.

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