



University of Manchester

Proposal of Activities

- Classics Series: delivered once each year, the series of educational lectures is aimed at Manchester medical students of different years. Aim is to inform, inspire and/or educate about academic pursuits and academic components of the MBChB curriculum. It includes Introduction to Academic Medicine, Intercalation: Is It For Me?, and How to Ace your PEP.
- Academic Foundation Programme (AFP) Series is delivered once each year. It includes an information evening, AFP mentoring scheme, and mock interviews with AFP doctors as the interviewers.
- Academic Specialities Series occurs once every semester. Explores research in each medical speciality. Organised in collaboration with student societies e.g. Cardiology Soc, Obs&Gynae Soc, GPSoc. Promotes sharing between societies and their followers, which facilitate further teamwork for larger scale events like the conference, as well as providing a platform for networking with experts in their field of interest and to gain an awareness of opportunities available.
- May Measurement Month (MMM) is a global initiative launched by the International Society for Hypertension. Aims to measure the blood pressure of as many individuals as possible during May. Spearheaded by Manchester and coordinated by MMRSSoc. Student lead for MMM attends the international conference held each year to review progress and the results of the screening, and discuss how to publish the data. Created a website which has been endorsed by the official MMM coordinators. This initiative provides students with insights into how global research projects work, how the public can be involved and gives them a taste of being at the front-line of discovery and playing an active part in it.
- Manchester Medical Research Student Society annual INSPIRE conference comprises a day of keynote addresses, hands-on workshops, a debate, student poster and oral presentations, an art exhibition, and a Widening Participation programme. Future aim is to collaborate with INSPIRE societies in the North West to organise a joint conference.
- Monthly newsletter detailing upcoming events of the society as well as various research opportunities available to medical students.
- MMRSoc first national audit. Research project by students for students, to raise awareness in research and the process of data collection. One area thinking of

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exploring is a national audit of medical student opinions on the barriers to pursuing research in medicine as a career. Local and Regional leads will be recruited to streamline and organise the data collection process. NSAMR has set up similar projects in the past and so already possesses the expertise. Aim to provide the platform for advertising and recruiting volunteers and providing the manpower.

- Annual presentation evening for Assistant Nurse Practitioner (ANP) students to present their research posters. ANP students have nowhere to present their work and do not have the chance to have it scrutinised and answer questions on it formally. Aim of the evening is to give them this chance, which will hopefully encourage them to submit their work to Conferences elsewhere after the evening, once they have had a chance to practice their presenting skills.
- AFP mock interviews day. Currently the AFP mock interview evening is only offered to 20 students. The new proposal for the AFP mock interview day will be held on a weekend to enable as many AFP doctors as possible to attend and act as interviewers.
- Conference travel bursaries. Cost of ticket and transport to conferences should not deter students from presenting. Hope to offer 5 bursaries per semester to students who have a confirmed place to present their work.
- Leadership and Education evening. Aim to host an event aimed at those interested in medical leadership. The Leadership and Education AFP are not emphasised as much as the research AFP, with many students not even being aware that there is any other AFP roles other than research. Aim to host an informal evening involving talks on both programmes and the chance to network after.