



Implemented Activities

Inaugural Student Research Symposium 2013:

- A student led event with workshops covering the research opportunities available to medical students.

Research Student Selected Component (SSC):

- The students who undertook the INSPIRE SSC all got the chance to spend one to one time with clinical academic trainees in the clinical environment, to get an idea of what the day to day work of a clinical academic trainee involves. The students received a seminar on critical appraisal of a research paper, and also they were also given a seminar on literature searches by a specialist medical subject librarian.

INSPIRE Workshop Attended by QUAMS Leadership.

2nd Student Research Symposium:

- Second symposium was ran utilising feedback from the inaugural event to make improvements.

Impacts

Developing a Culture of Research:

- The INSPIRE scheme is developing a culture of research within the medical student body. The highly successful student-led initiative, culminating in a Student Research Symposium has engaged medical students in presenting their research work. This has been supported by the newly formed student society, QUAMS (Queen's University Academic Medical Society) which provides the basis of developing research activities. QUAMS has forged links with the Postgraduate Academic organisation within Northern Ireland, The Ulster Medical Society (UMS) and has been able to utilize the experience, knowledge and membership base to explore various possibilities. UMS members have been involved in judging abstracts and also provided opportunities to publish the best abstracts in their peer reviewed publication.

Intercalated Degrees:

The numbers of medical students undertaking intercalated degrees has increased dramatically within recent years:

- 2012/13 — 16 (includes 10 BSc; 4 Masters; 2 external)
- 2013/14 — 49 (includes 24 BSc; 14 Masters; 11 external)
- 2014/15 — 49 (includes 27 BSc; 14 Masters; 8 external)

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Research Student Selected Component (SSC):

- QUB medical students undertake a variety of SSC's. The INSPIRE Research SSC ran for the first time (1 afternoon per week for a 12-week period) in Spring 2014 with four students and now in Spring 2015 with 8 students. This SSC has now been renamed: Eureka! Discovering Clinical Academic Research.

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