



The University of Exeter/Peninsula Medical School

Implemented Activities

Research Taster Days:

- Half or full day visits that the students made to a research group to learn the background and see the research first-hand.

Summer Studentships:

- These studentships were open to all years 1-4 of the schools. Importantly, we include students from the previous year on the assessment panels for the next year's grant applications so they can participate in and appreciate the process of reviewing such grants.

Research Conferences:

- The first event of the Inspire calendar each year (November) has been a research conference that is open to all years of both the Medical and Dental schools.

Setting Up and Running of INSPIRE Webpages:

- A webpage that is hosted by both the Plymouth, Exeter and PCMD medical school websites has been set up and maintained throughout the Inspire small grant programme.

Impacts

Research Taster Days:

- The opportunity for medical and dental school students to undertake research taster days has been instrumental in getting them to see research first hand. This worked especially well as the co-ordination between Plymouth, Exeter, Cardiff and Bristol allowed many of our students to travel to research labs in these other medical schools.

Summer Research Studentships:

- Through this initial lab experience, students have then written their own proposal for a summer research studentship and we have funded a total of 16 studentships, providing research projects both in the UK and abroad for our students.

Development of Closer Links:

- The Inspire scheme allowed the development of much closer research links between the four Medical Schools involved in the regional collaboration. This collaboration was vital in delivery of our local Inspire programme. This collaboration was crucial in the running of the School's Inspire Special Project to organise and run a webinar based NSAMR conference in March of this year.

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