



Warwick Medical School with Swansea University

Proposal of Activities

- **Summer Studentships.**
Warwick Medical School (WMS) holds a summer studentship programme, which targeted 1st year students and aimed to foster a passion for academic research at an early stage. Students were asked to select a supervisor matching their clinical interests, and together develop a project with relevance to the local health needs, in order to develop their public engagement skills.
Swansea University Medical School (SUMS) holds a programme called 'Learning Opportunities in a Research Setting' whereby all 1st year students can access research activity in the University through an online portal. LORS allows students to spend time in labs, attend seminars and lab meetings to familiarise themselves academic staff, Masters and PhD students and their research. Like to initiate an 8-week summer studentship programme to allow students the ability to pursue research and increase their understanding and appreciation of its impact in Medicine.
- **International Research Exchange.**
WMS developed links with the University of Geneva, with the aim of promoting research collaboration and an educational exchange programme. Hope to give four students the opportunity to complete a period of research at the University of Geneva in 2020, and expand this programme in 2021 to six.
SUMS developed a strong relationship with School of Medicine in The Gambia. Exchange programme primary goal increasing their training and experience. INSPIRE funding would allow us to send one student on a research placement per cohort which would complement SUMS expertise in studies looking at malaria, malnutrition, HIV and respiratory diseases, mostly with an emphasis on children.
- **Public Engagement Showcase Event.** Register our students to participate in public showcase event to allow them to present their research to the local community. Events include Pint of Science event, Coventry & Warwickshire national event, Science Café event at the National Waterfront Museum.
- **The annual National INSPIRE Graduate Entry Research in Medicine (GERM) Conference.** Aimed to address the disadvantage GEM student's face arising from the condensed nature of the course, which limits the opportunities GEM students have to disseminate their research. 16 GEM schools invited with around 60 students presenting research. Intention to develop our collaboration to include SCOTGEM, the new exclusively graduate-entry Medical School in Scotland. With the national policy agenda requiring increased numbers of doctors into the workforce, graduate-entry is thriving. This conference caters for this student

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population and seeks to allow them to develop their interest and passion for academia.

- Publishing Conference Proceedings online. As part of the GERM Conference we will publish the proceedings of the meeting as a pdf with the authors providing their papers under a permissive Creative Commons Attribution license.
- Joining the INSPIRE Student Journal. Opportunity for students to test their ability to disseminate and publish their research ideas or outputs in a peer-reviewed environment. Offering editorial support from students and academic staff in their peer review process.
- Research Dissemination Bursary. Fund a competitive research dissemination fund, which is open all-year round, with selection criteria that includes supporting those especially from Widening Participation backgrounds.

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