



Implemented Activities

The INSPIRE Special Project aimed to expand the scope and range of activities offered to students, exposing more of them to research experiences and stimulate potential desire to follow a career in academic medicine.

The key development from this project has been to reap the benefits of experience (since our first INSPIRE award in 2013) in organisation and delivery of activities outside of standard MBBS course components, including establishing the INSPIRE Week leading up to the Academic Medical Society (AMS) Annual Conference and improved delivery of the INSPIRE element of student induction.

Research Week:

- The first Annual Research Week (the INSPIRE week), aimed at attracting year 1 and 2 students, was developed by the student-led Newcastle AMS.

6th Form Research Taster Sessions:

- This gave the opportunity for local 6th form students to spend a short period of time in a University research laboratory. Five 6th form students participated in the Laboratory Week with poster developed by these students incorporated into the INSPIRE Week.

Research Induction:

- Highlighting the research-rich environment at Newcastle and opportunities for student research was the focus of the INSPIRE Induction component. To stimulate greater interest in the Newcastle AMS and provide information about research opportunities, the student team displayed at the annual Medical Education Fair, facilitating greater direct interaction between student team members and other students through which encouragement to engage was easier to deliver.

Research Electives, Research Student Selected Components and Student Vacationships were also introduced.