



The University of St. Andrew's School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

Invited Speakers:

- 4 different speakers over 3 events per year with around 150 students attending each event, spread equally over Years 1-3.

The 'Medicine in the News' project.

Making Better Use of Vacation Scholars:

- 4 events per year.

Poster Boards.

'Discovering Research' Events:

- 1 event per year in Dundee.
- Close liaison with Dundee's Research and Academic Medicine Society has fostered friendship between students at different schools and also increased exposure of students from both schools to a broader range of medical research. About 50 students attended across Years 1-3 from St Andrews and Dundee.

Ad Hoc Support for Students Engaged in Research Associated Activities:

- 5 students were supported to attend international conferences that they would otherwise not have been able to attend.

Impacts

Raising Awareness:

- Students are more aware of the benefits of getting involved with original research and the school has streamlined ways to enable students to do this. As a result the School is seeing an increase in the numbers of students applying for summer projects. The more formalised structure means that ALL students are now informed about and encouraged to apply for research projects in the summer. The publicity has also meant that there has been an increase in the number of students wanting to get involved with original research projects.

Opportunities:

- Students who do original research have more opportunities to present their work and hence inspire others.

Collaboration:

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- The School has built up a good working relationship with the medical research society at Dundee (DRAMS) and holds joint events. There is increased exposure of students from both schools to a broader range of medical research.

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