



University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science

Proposal of Activities

- **Vacation Studentship Awards.** Propose to offer 7 traditional four week research studentships as an immersive experience where students are taught many skills including undertaking laboratory, data or survey research. In addition we will offer Intense Mini Research Experiences. A series of 2 week opportunities where groups of students work with an academic concentrating on reading, understanding and explaining literature in order to produce a mini review or book chapter. The academic lead of each group will ensure appropriate mentorship and that the pieces are publication standard by the end of the process. Throughout the two years 8 students will be able to participate.
- **UK INSPIRE Conference.** The Liverpool Veterinary School and Surrey Vet School will work in collaboration with the other UK Vet Schools to promote research to all UK undergraduates. We will work with the UK Veterinary Schools to create a series of case studies profiling veterinarians who have research careers to illustrate the broad range of research activities that vets can participate in.
- **Conference Travel Grants.** By collaborating with other UK Veterinary Schools we would send 10 students and a supporting staff member to the INSPIRE conference each year (20 total). We would also encourage students to engage with the wider academic community by presenting work at wider scientific and veterinary conferences.
- **Student and alumni research career mentorship.** Provide events and resources where students from all years can explore career options and possibilities. We will support an INSPIRE student researcher who will undertake a two week project developing web based case profiles using different formats such as written pieces and talking heads videos. This resource will be incorporated into the curriculum and be available to all students in addition to being freely available to other Inspire leads for dissemination.
- **Challenging barriers to research careers for students and the public from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds.** Visit relevant schools and offer workshops to challenge real and perceived barriers to becoming a veterinary student. Look to strengthen our stakeholder events which are aimed at the public including animal owners and industries such as farming in order to enhance and disseminate our research.

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