



Proposal of Activities

- Academic Foundation Preparation Course. Our aim is to encourage more students to consider academic careers, engage in the AFP, and increase AFP application success rates by familiarising students with the application process. The session will consist of providing a general background to the AFP, an introduction to Oriel (the national online application system), critical appraisal, how to address 'white space' questions on the application, how to prepare for and answer interview questions and a general question-and-answer session.
- Academic Foundation Programme Mock Interviews. Over the past couple of years, we have organised mock interview sessions in October/November (one in Hull, one in York) in order to prepare students and familiarise them with the interview setting, which has been well received. Students are shown a video presentation with interview tips recorded by the Dean of the School, who has performed AFP interviews in the past. Academic foundation doctors (usually former students, based both regionally and outside the local region) volunteer to conduct interviews, and they are awarded certificates signed by the INSPIRE Lead to recognise their voluntary contributions. Each attendee will undergo two practice interviews with feedback, with an open question and answer session at the end.
- Hull York Medical School Student Research Conference. This annual event provides an opportunity for our undergraduate medical students to showcase their research, practice their presentation skills to a local audience including their peers and tutors, and to network and learn about clinical research. Students receiving funding for INSPIRE-promoted research projects are required to present at the conference, but an equal or greater number of other students also attend, e.g. to present research conducted during intercalation or as part of a Student Selected Component, or simply to learn more about research.
- Regional Student Research Conference. Will provide undergraduates across the north of England opportunity to network with and present their research to peers and senior clinical academics and participate in a programme of plenary talks and interactive workshops signposting career opportunities across the region (intercalation, summer schools and internships, postgraduate clinical academic training programmes).
- Great North INSPIRE Event. Open to academic scientists and clinicians from across the region to showcase successful exemplars of multidisciplinary research (engineering, big data, medical devices, biomedicine). Will include a parallel

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INSPIRE session to discuss interdisciplinary science, building an academic research CV and signpost academic career pathways.

- **Student Research Projects.** Student Research Projects have proven to be the most popular part of our INSPIRE programme at the Hull York Medical School, pairing students with research supervisors who also act as academic mentors.. Although we do not have a dental or veterinary school in Hull or York, we will forge new links with allied health professionals and other groups conducting health-related research in Hull and York, e.g. industrial partners, nurses, midwives, social workers, biomedical scientists, health economists, clinical psychologists and bioengineers.
- **Workshops and journal clubs.** Our most popular and well-attended series of workshops is held in conjunction with the HYMS Student Research Conference. Student delegates may attend several workshops during prescribed breaks in the programme. Workshops are run by volunteer research-active clinicians and academics affiliated with the Hull York Medical School, and vary in topic from year to year.
- **Research conference travel bursaries.** With the average cost of an international conference estimated at £600, our aim is to supplement the School bursary to increase opportunities for our medical students to present at research conferences, including the annual NSAMR conference.

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