



University of Birmingham Medical School

Implemented Activities

Summer Vacation Studentships:

- 17 applications from Medical/Dental students in 2015/16. 6 were funded by the College, 2 by the INSPIRE programme.
- 17 applications from Medical/Dental students in 2016/17. 9 were funded by the college and 3 students consumables bursaries funded by INSPIRE.

The Birmingham Academic Medicine Society Careers Conference:

- Approximately 150 medical students from across the UK attended this event, which was organised and hosted by Birmingham's student run BAMSoc committee.

Enhancement of Intercalating Activities:

- Two Intercalation Showcase events were held, one in November 2015 and the other in November 2016. Approximately 100 student from Birmingham attended each event which consisted of past intercalators presenting their research and small group tutorials for students interested in intercalating. The aim of the events was to raise awareness of intercalation and enable students to make an informed decision about intercalating by hearing the past experiences of others who had chosen to.

Mentoring:

- A networking dinner was held with 55 attendees. Students and academics have formed lasting mentoring relationships which have resulted in research opportunities for students.

Impacts

Financial:

- The continued funding provided through the INSPIRE grant enabled Birmingham Medical School to embed existing activities into the range of opportunities available to students and this will continue beyond the end of the INSPIRE funding. Receiving the grant helped with achieving matched funding from the Medical School and also encouraged other funders to support activities past the end of the INSPIRE grant.

Relationship development:

- Developing and delivering the INSPIRE grant helps to increase the involvement of undergraduate students in the work of the Clinical Academic Training team which is beneficial for both groups. This collaboration is now well established and has provided a good basis to work on other projects, outside of the INSPIRE remit.

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Improving existing schemes:

- In order to bring the Summer Vacation Scheme in line with a number of other large funding schemes, the INSPIRE grant enabled Birmingham Medical School to offer a small consumables bursary to the research team hosting the student for the project to help towards additional costs incurred in providing the vacationship. Although not a motivator for providing a vacationship opportunity, the additional funding was very well received by the supporting teams and also made the University of Birmingham scheme more attractive to those students who received offers from more than one funding scheme.

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