



Newcastle University School of Medical Education

Implemented Activities

The Annual Research Week:

- Organized by the INSPIRE academic team and student-led Academic Medical Society to improve awareness of research amongst medical students - particularly targeting medical student years 1-2 - through events including state-of-the-art lectures delivered by key investigators, and integrated with the NU-MAP student curriculum. Culminates in annual Newcastle Academic Medical Society meeting.

INSPIRE Research Elective Scholarships and Bursaries:

- A competitive process aimed at students wishing to pursue research opportunities in key research centres around the world, with applications judged by the INSPIRE academic team and AMS president.

INSPIRE Research Vacation Scholarships:

- Aimed at first and second year medical students, with an aim to encourage applicants to develop a scientific question, with mentorship from pre-existing NU-MAP trainees.

We are augmenting a research-orientated curriculum to increase research exposure through the implementation of integrated clinical and research SSCs.

Impacts

The Annual Research Week:

- An innovative annual research week organized by the INSPIRE academic team and student-led Academic Medical Society sought to increase awareness of research amongst medical students - through events including state-of-the-art lectures delivered by key investigators, integrated with the NU-MAP programme, to signpost students already engaged into areas of specific interest, and target those not involved, as they make decisions about research opportunities in their early years through research SSC. An INSPIRE-funded Keynote Lecturer gives the main lecture - students are encouraged to submit research abstracts for presentation.

Research Elective Scholarships:

- Competitive INSPIRE Research Elective Scholarships and Bursaries allow students to pursue research opportunities in key research centres around the world, with applications judged by the INSPIRE academic team and AMS president.

Vacation Research Studentships:

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- The awarding of competitive INSPIRE vacation research studentships, aimed at first and second year medical students, to encourage applications to develop a scientific question with mentorship from pre-existing NU-MAP trainees.

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