



The University of Oxford Medical School

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### **Implemented Activities**

The Academic Medicine Survey:

- Designed collaboratively by clinical academics and medical students, it was distributed to all medical students. Its purpose was to determine students' knowledge of academic career pathways, assess their perceptions of barriers to research and the impact of INSPIRE activities.

Events Organised by TRANSFuSE:

- These included journal clubs, discussions, and linking in with the combined (virtual) NSAMR conference.

Pre-clinical Seminar:

- To increase knowledge and awareness of academic opportunities for medical students, a pre-clinical seminar was developed to outline these options and to discuss influences/considerations about potential research projects.

Financial Support:

- Financial support was offered to students undertaking research based SSMs, electives and presenting at academic conferences nationally and internationally.

### **Impacts**

Assessment of Student's Knowledge of Research Opportunities:

- Our INSPIRE-supported Academic Medicine student survey assessed students' knowledge of research opportunities, perceptions of barriers to research and their understanding of the Academic Foundation Programme. It was designed with students interested in academic careers and circulated to all year groups (pre-clinical, clinical and graduate entry). The data has informed allocation of financial support from our INSPIRE grant and highlighted areas for further improvement.

Flourishing of Societies:

- With ongoing support from the INSPIRE grant, the TRANSFuSE (Oxford TRANSLational medicine For Students) student society has flourished and maintains a dedicated core of members who are responsible for organising events, advertising and promotion of academic fora for clinical students. Students have been encouraged to engage in academic medicine, gaining access to views and discussion with senior research scientists throughout the medical sciences division.

Support of Students:

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- INSPIRE funding has supported a number of students undertaking research SSMs and research-based electives. All Oxford Medical Students undertake an intercalated degree as a requirement of the course; the proportion of students going on to Academic Foundation posts remains strong at 20% (data from 2012-2014).

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