



The University of Aberdeen School of Medicine and Dentistry

Implemented Activities

Summer Research Studentships:

- These ran over eight weeks during summer holidays and combine a research project (dry or wet), with shadowing of the senior mentor in the clinical setting.

Scholarships at Outstanding Research Institutes in the US:

- Part funding was provided from INSPIRE to undertake an eight-week scholarship at Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital and the National Cancer Institute.

Aberdeen Student Society for Academic Medicine Events including:

- Academic Research Career Evenings.
- Research Symposia.
- Workshops.

Impacts

Summer Research Studentships:

- The financial support offered by the INSPIRE grant allowed the School to fund more summer research studentships, scholarships to outstanding research institutions overseas and local academic evenings etc. Such activities have enhanced the academic environment within our School and have led to an unprecedented interest in academic medicine.

Inspiration:

- The prestigious grant offered by AMS and funded by Wellcome Trust acted as an inspiration to our undergraduate medical/dental students, and indeed their mentors. All wanted to be associated with the scheme and recognised the kudos that comes with AMS/WT sponsorship/funding. Early exposure to excellence/success is truly inspirational. The INSPIRE Scheme has definitely contributed to greater confidence and ambition in our students.

Intercalation:

- The number of students wishing to pursue intercalated science degrees has increased.

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