



University of Sheffield

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### **Proposal of Activities**

- **Research Showcase Event.** An evening event with a prestige speaker where local students can present (poster and oral) research work undertaken at any point in their course. Open to medical, dental and health students.
- **Academic Foundation Programme (AFP) Preparation Event.** Provide preparatory guidance to Sheffield students intending to apply for the AFP. It will include mock interviews, preparing a CV and guidance on enhancing research skills. Academics involved in the local Foundation processes will be invited to speak.
- **Research Skills Development Workshops.** 5 x workshops throughout the year on developing academic skills. Provides a continuity of opportunity for students to strive to develop research skills. Having local, low cost, accessible workshops on research skills is important for student groups who cannot afford intercalation and who otherwise would not be able to access such training after the completion of their research project.
- **Sheffield Academic Medicine Society and Sheffield MedSoc intercalation evening.** Evening to inform and inspire medical students to consider intercalation. There will be a focus on academic medicine.
- **Elective bursaries for students wishing to do an elective in an academic research environment.** Students use their final year elective to gain additional experience in a specialist area that they may wish to train in as a postgraduate. A specific elective bursary will promote the academic pathway and support students to find prestige national or international research electives.
- **INSPIRE Research Summer Studentships.** 4-week summer studentships with an experienced research supervisor in one of the 4 academic departments in the school. Supervisor expected to provide ongoing mentorship to the student and to identify opportunities for the student to have impact with their project via publication, academic presentation and/or public engagement activity.
- **Bursaries to attend academic conferences.** Contribution to registration costs or travel for students wishing to present their work at research conferences. Selection criteria will seek to support a breadth of research areas with specific awards promoted for students presenting big data projects and/or biomedicine and interdisciplinary science.

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- Support for specialist medicine student society events. Intending to sponsor 5 mini-conferences a year were this is clear demonstration of the inclusion of research activities in their event.
- SAMS Research Project Portal. Improve the current rudimentary research portal in which academics and clinical researchers advertise short-term research projects and audits for medical students. The students have requested some funding to have specific software created for the portal to improve its functionality and to then advertise it more fully and embed it as a resource for local students.
- Joint regional student research conference for health student research. Students can present academic research, network and attend research skills workshops and plenary talks.

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