



INSPIRE

The University of St Andrews School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

Speed Dating:

- Each year there is a drinks reception where students have the opportunity to talk to potential supervisors prior to choosing their research projects.

Integration of Research:

- In orientation week we run a poster session where all staff and those students who have completed a summer research project in the school present a poster relating to their work.

Students Visiting Research Events:

- The School was able to fund students on a trip to Edinburgh to watch a research autopsy conducted for the MRC Sudden Death Bank and students attended external research conferences relevant to their particular interests.

Inter-institutional Student Research Conference:

- Students went to Dundee to link up with their research society. There were a series of research presentations from students at both St Andrews and Dundee.

Impacts

Raised Awareness:

- Students are more aware of extra-curricular research opportunities in the school, for example, students who have undertaken summer projects have formal and informal opportunities to discuss their experiences with their peers and more junior years. Using the enthusiasm of the students themselves to inspire students in the years below them has proved very powerful.

Research Projects:

- All students in St Andrews undertake a research project. Following the INSPIRE initiative students have been more informed and questioning when they make their choice of research project.

Conferences:

- Students have prepared posters and participated in conferences.

INSPIRE is coordinated by the Academy of Medical Sciences and supported by the Wellcome Trust. INSPIRE activities are designed and delivered locally by individual medical schools.

Supported by
wellcometrust