



Keele University

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### **Proposal of Activities**

- Wish to continue and expand studentship programme. The Keele medical school curriculum recently underwent a major refresh with introduction of a compulsory Scholarship strand, recognising that critical analysis and interpretation of research is key to applying evidence-based medicine in clinical practice. Our ambition is that such curriculum advances will strongly synergise with the practical, hands-on research training opportunities within the INSPIRE studentship programme, to develop well rounded student researchers.
- The Research Showcase is the key event in promoting research to the medical undergraduate community and in stimulating student engagement. Attended by students from across the undergraduate years together with academics from across the Faculty of Medicine, it takes the form of invited oral sessions and poster presentations from students together with opportunities for students to network with leading researchers, local academics and academic trainees.
- Understanding the ABC Triad (Academia-Business-Clinical)
  - Industry taster day: We will hold a half day workshop for medical students hosted by the Keele Directorate for Research, Engagement and Innovation in collaboration with Midlands Innovation Commercialisation of Research Accelerator.
  - Industrial internship (mini-project) scheme: Few Industrial placements are traditionally available for medical students. Industrial placements offer valuable opportunities for students to develop transferable skills such as communication, IT and numeracy skills, along with group work and time management whilst gaining an insight into the working of commercial enterprises, including the experience of workplace culture.
- Developing a network of student mentors and mentoring training. Feedback from students who have undertaken studentships and intercalated degree has highlighted the value students place on peer support and mentorship when starting out in research. We aim to address this need by establishing a network of medical student mentors and providing mentorship training. We will work with the Keele Organisational Development (OD) team who lead a core programme of staff development.
- How to..... Considering an academic career. In collaboration with KMARS we wish to establish a careers event so that students can hear about different research pathways and careers and network with clinicians who also do research.

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