



The University of Manchester School of Medical Sciences

Implemented Activities

MMRSoc's (Manchester Medical Research Student Society) 1st Undergraduate Medical Research Conference:

- To reflect on issues at the forefront of medical research, the conference included talks from three categories of the Longitude Prize competition: antibiotic resistance, dementia and paralysis.
- Students also presented research and attended workshops.

British Undergraduate Dental Research Conference 2015:

- This conference included talks from home speakers on topical aspects within dental research such as bone graft surgery.
- It was open to all dental schools across the UK to encourage networking and to showcase the cutting edge research activities at the University of Manchester.

Educational Lecture Series:

- Students were acquainted with the basics of medical research including an introduction to academic medicine, audits, publications and intercalated degrees.

Speciality Research Lectures – 'INSPIRE' Lectures:

- The aim of these talks is to inspire students with exciting accounts of topical aspects within medical research.

RARE Diseases Research Symposium:

- This event was organised in collaboration with RARE Disease UK. Several academics were invited to educate students on interesting research aspects and challenges of rare diseases.

Lecture Series:

- This included a mixture of standard MMRSSoc lectures from previous years, with new opportunistic lectures about aspects of the medical course or topical interests.

The 2nd MMRSSoc Medical Research Conference:

- The conference featured lectures, presentations from students and a range of interactive workshops.

Impacts

Fostering a Research Culture:

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- Manchester Medical Research Student Society (MMRSsoc) is the only student-led organisation working primarily to foster a research culture amongst undergraduate medical and dental students at the University of Manchester. The INSPIRE scheme has helped us to inform students of fundamental academic principles like the clinical relevance of research, core academic skills and topical areas within academic medicine.

Structured Support:

- Through the scheme, the School has offered structured support to students interested in academic careers in order to facilitate their contribution to research in the future. Our events have provided guidance on intercalated degrees and specialist academic pathways.

The Inaugural Undergraduate Conference:

- The scheme has enabled the School to host Manchester's inaugural undergraduate conferences on medical and dental research. At these national conferences, esteemed academics gave exclusive talks on specialist research fields. Students from different universities were invited to learn and network, providing an outlet for future collaboration with different research societies.

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