



Newcastle University

Proposal of Activities

- Student Society Summit. INSPIRE Collaboration Session for Newcastle University Medical School Student Committees including the Biomedical, Dental and Academic Medicine Societies with the INSPIRE student lead. This new activity is in recognition of the development of a growing relationship between the Newcastle University Dental Society, Academic Medicine Society and Biomedical Science Newcastle Society. We are planning to host a session detailing planned events of the major three leading INSPIRE societies and opportunities for societies to collaborate directly with INSPIRE Student Leads. This session will detail plans for shared promotional, planning and funding responsibilities. This session would help to build a growing student society intra-network within the Newcastle INSPIRE programme.
- Research Taster and 'Meet your Mentor' Evening plus Workshop Afternoons. In continuation of our first dedicated Research Taster Evening, we are planning to continue to promote our evening as an opportunity for students to find out more about academic research opportunities at Newcastle and an informal social opportunity to 'meet their academic mentor' as part of the Academic Mentorship Scheme allocation. In cultivating student interest for our Research Taster Day and our Workshop Afternoon, we are planning to continue our pre-event interest forms where attendees can rank their preferences for individual events with event selection determined through collated feedback over the previous two academic years. Our workshop themes will be extended to include sessions on work-life balance, mental health and continue an extremely helpful session on academic writing.
- AFP Preparation Series. We will continue this event but are planning to promote it as opportunity for students to find about life in academic research by having AFP students from the Northern Deaneries talk about their experiences of research before providing advice to students applying for AFP. This event would also serve as the first event for the Newcastle Academic Medicine Society in the New Year and we would be keen to promote this event as an informal social networking opportunity for both AFP students (past and present) to meet undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- Journal Club Series. Our Journal Club Series will continue to feature a series tailored towards tackling common challenges that students face when embarking on research. During this past academic year, we have hosted talks on abstract and poster production, the audit cycle and best tips on getting involved in academic research. This year we are planning on introducing student work into

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these fortnightly sessions including a quick-fire Pecha Kucha presentation format for experienced research students to present their work in an exciting and relatable way. We will also be collaborating with the surgical society to form an academic writing group for the first time. In groups of 3-5, we aim to guide medical students in writing their own papers. We hope to generate outputs in the form of publications and/or presentations that would encourage students to engage in research activities and inspire them to develop their own research ideas in the future.

- **Essay Prizes.** Our essay prize scheme will continue for this upcoming academic year. The scheme consists of dedicated prizes for each year group winner and runner-up within the both dental and medical schools. In accruing further interest, our essay prize scheme will allow for submissions across two essay themes. This will include a reflective theme on a recent research experience and a clinically translation theme on the impact of evidence-based medicine. Our essay prizes will be advertised in early September via the Clinical Academic Office.
- **Summer Research Project, Research Elective and Travel Bursaries.** We will continue with our programme of providing bursaries for students for summer projects, research electives and travel bursaries for students to present their work at national or international meetings. The judging panel will include senior members of the Clinical Academic Pathway and student members of the INSPIRE programme and Academic Medical Society. Awardees will present their work at the Newcastle Academic Society meeting.
- **Northern INSPIRE N4 Journal.** As a new activity, we are developing an electronic Magazine format promoting the continued collaboration with our N4 Partners (Sheffield, Leeds and Manchester), detailing current research of current students, publicising essay award submissions and interviewing current students about experiences of research. This includes the Alumni Community on official AMSNewcastle.co.uk website, showcasing success of previous students to current students.
- **INSPIRE Online Sharing Platform.** Build our own dedicated video channel hosted (in collaboration with the Newcastle Academic Medicine Society) on YouTube to feature presentations and talks from our Research Taster, Workshop Days, Journal Club Series, AFP Preparation Series and 10th Annual Conference. We will host Q&As of current and previous research students on their experiences of research and advice for future researchers. We will use our website to publicise case studies through Q&A surveys of previous research students. We will also provide a more tangible follow-up to broadcast events to the public and future

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university students. We will use this platform to live-stream and archive guest speaker presentations which we will share with Leeds, Sheffield and Hull/York Academic Medical Societies.

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