



The University of Manchester School of Medical Sciences

Implemented Activities

The AFP Series (delivered once each year):

- Information Evening – an overview lecture about the academic foundation programme.
- White Space Questions Clinic – an opportunity for students to receive advice and feedback on their white space questions.
- Mock Interviews for 18 students were conducted.

Classics Series including talks on various topics (delivered once each year):

- Introduction to Academic Medicine.
- Intercalation – is it for me? 42 students attended across Years 1-4 in 2016 and 41 students across Years 1-4 in 2017.
- Phase 1 – How to nail your PEP – an advice evening for Phase 1 students completing their PEP projects. 78 students attended across years 1 & 2.
- How to get published – an information evening on the process of publication in academia. 16 students attended across Years 1-3 in 2016 and 24 students across Years 1-4 in 2017.

One-off Evenings with talks on various topics:

- Zika Virus & Microcephaly: The story so far (in collaboration with OGSOC). 35 students attended across Years 1-5.
- Epidemics – should vaccines be fast tracked?
- The Surgeon Scientist – a life as an academic surgeon (in collaboration with Scalpel). 33 attendees across Years 1-5.
- Changes to the Year 3 PEP – APEP.
- APEP Advice evening (in collaboration with MedSoc)
- Presentations Skills Workshop.

The May Measurement Month:

- A month long international project which MMRSSoc was involved with to raise awareness about hypertension.

Conferences:

- The second MMRSSoc Undergraduate Conference. Attendance recorded at 42 students from medicine and other science based courses.
- MMRSSoc was chosen to host the National Student Association of Medical Research (NSAMR) Conference 2017 after winning the bid at a previous conference. Attendance was strong at 176 attendees across all undergraduate years with representatives from Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds, Hull/York, Liverpool, Dundee, Nottingham, Birmingham and Keele.

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Impacts

The Fostering of a Research Culture:

- 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 the School 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. The events have provided guidance on intercalated degrees and specialist academic pathways.

Undergraduate Conferences:

- 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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