



Cardiff University School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

The CUREs (Cardiff University Research Society) Research Symposium:

- A half-day meeting for all students with talks by “inspirational researchers”, student presentations of research and an introduction to the Taster Day scheme.

The Taster Day Competition:

- Students applied for a day of experience with a research group in one of four participating medical schools: Cardiff, Bristol, Exeter and Plymouth. In the second and third scheme, a shared web portal was used.

Vacation Studentships:

- In the summer of 2013 and 2014, 3-5 6-week paid studentships were offered pending submission of an application judged by three Professors.

Impacts

Relationship Building:

- The School has now established a firm relationship with the student run Cardiff University Research Society (CUREs) and the announcement of the three Taster Day competitions that the School has run in March 2013, Oct 2013 and Oct 2014 have occurred as part of the annual CUREs symposium. In the CUREs symposia in Oct 2013 and Oct 2014, the successful vacation studentship students gave presentations on their projects, completing the cycle.

Intercalated Student Numbers:

- The number of students applying for and being accepted onto intercalated degrees appears to be rising (numbers accepted for intercalated degrees: 68 before scheme started (2012), 81 (2013), 90 in (2014). This was an important goal of the programme, because increasing an intercalated degree is very important for a future career in academic medicine.

Collaborative Working:

- The collaborative working on the Taster scheme with Bristol, Exeter and Plymouth has worked very well, with 36% of Cardiff students (n=50) doing projects outside of Cardiff. This has led on to the very successful collaboration on the NSAMR symposium webinar project (“Special Grant”), March 2015 and a future collaborative small grant award for 2015-6.