



The University of Southampton School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

Research Taster Sessions:

- Clinical academics were invited to speak to students about their research (current and/or previous) and about their career pathway with an aim to give medical students an idea of different areas of research, what an academic career entails, and to encourage more students to pursue research in their future careers. Attendance varies at each event, with 15-50 students attending a particular event.

A Journal Club:

- Student led sessions aimed at teaching students how to critically appraise a paper and also help them to stay up-to-date with recent discoveries. Student levels are usually around 10-20 students per club.

A 'How to..' five-part series. Attendance was strong with 50-100 students per talk. The series was held once a year with talks including:

- "How to approach clinical academia"
- "How to write a literature review"
- "How to write a project report"
- "How to critically appraise a paper"
- "How to deliver poster and oral presentations"

An Intercalating Talk:

- Aimed at giving students more information on their options regarding intercalating and their 3rd year Research in Medicine and Health (RMH module) project. Roughly 60-80 students attended.

AFP Talks:

- Academic Foundation Programme talks to raise awareness of the programme. Talks involve what the scheme is about and doctors previous AFP experiences.

Peer Teaching:

- Gives students across the medical school the chance to apply to teach their peers in specific subject areas.

The Annual Showcase:

- The Annual Showcase is an opportunity for medical students to present their research in the form of oral and poster presentations. This year, the showcase was held on International Women's Day with the theme of 'Inclusivity in Science'. There was approximately 70 attendees each year.

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The Annual National Conference:

- Our national conferences are full day events consisting of talks, workshops and poster and oral presentations. The event is open to all medical students across the nation. Around 70 student attended from all over the UK.

Impacts

The Importance of Research:

- The School has demonstrated the importance of research and teaching to every career in medicine, engaging with students from Southampton and other medical schools at a range of different events, e.g. research taster sessions, journal clubs and annual conferences.

Empowering Students:

The School has empowered students to become confident teachers, public speakers and communicators by offering lots of opportunities for training in and delivering peer teaching and research presentations e.g. annual research showcases.

Increasing Profiles:

- The School has increased their profile in the medical school through engagement with MedSoc and thereby enabled students to explore what a clinical academic career entails, meet with clinical academics, be mentored by them and attend conferences alongside them in order that individuals might consider this as a future avenue for them.