



Imperial College London School of Medicine

Implemented Activities

ProjectPal:

- Project Pal is an academic project matching website, with scope for integrated evaluation and output recording.
- (www.projectpal.org)

The Society of Research & Academia (SORA):

- Established as a student society run by students for students to raise the profile of science in the medical school and to create opportunities, knowledge and a forum to exchange knowledge and experience. This has included science tutorials to support our BSc year encompassing topics such as how to read a paper, critical analysis, systematic review and meta-analysis, as well as preparation for academic foundation interviews, inspirational talk and a national and junior conference.

Surgical Society:

- Imperial College has a well-established surgical society who have become involved in INSPIRE opportunities. They have hosted innovation events, and are developing a multi-site research project on the lines of the successful STARSurg initiative that received INSPIRE support.
- A Surgical Society Research Prize Evening was also held.

Wikki Projects:

- This project is a unique venture in British medical education aimed at improving students' research skills through the medium of editing Wikipedia articles.

Research Electives:

- Support material and guidance is now available and students are encouraged to consider this route for the elective.

Student and Foundation Doctor Surveys:

- We conducted a survey of our recent graduates and final year students to understand their interest in science, engagement with academic careers and success in publishing amongst other things.

Meeting of Minds:

- A Neuroscience conference promoted and encouraged by INSPIRE.

Impacts

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- This has been developed as a key aspect of our INSPIRE programme to ensure opportunities are captured and made available to students and that there is the potential to track outcome and publication. To date (March, 2015) we have 270 users, 44 projects, 41 project applications and projects completed with national presentation or publication as output.

The Establishment of the Society of Research & Academia:

- The society was established as a student society run by students for students. This is now in its 2nd year (2015) and it has run a series of events, conferences and forums to engage students in research, raise awareness of academic pursuits and to present their academic achievements.

Wikki Project:

- The Wikki Project pilot aimed to improve students' research and team building skills through the medium of editing Wikipedia articles. Students were facilitated to update wikki-medicine pages based on scientific principles.

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