



The University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Health Sciences

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### **Implemented Activities**

A 'Meet the Experts' seminar series:

- We hosted four veterinary-qualified research leaders of international standing (Robin Franklin, Cambridge; Lucy Davison, Oxford; Tim Skerry, Sheffield; Giovanni Pellegrini, Zurich), to meet our students, describe their career paths and motivations.

Challenging barriers to research careers – Summer Studentships:

- Summer Studentships where four Year 2 students were funded to complete high level research projects in comparative medicine.
- Conference Bursaries where five Year 4 students were funded to attend international conferences in the UK.

The Sutton Bonington School Visit and public engagement events:

- Ten undergraduate students helped organize a practical for 30 school children (aged 9) where they isolated DNA from strawberries. Two public engagement events for dog breeders were also held.

A Research Career event:

- Available to all Year 3 & 5 students.

Staff Research Mentors:

- 24 staff members (representing over 50% of all research active academics) have agreed to act as informal advisors as students and alumni develop their research interest.

### **Impacts**

The Value of Research:

- The value of research in clinical careers has increased evidenced by the numbers attending the evening research seminar series (~50 students per event).

Summer Studentships:

- The largest number of students have completed summer studentships and presented their data at international conferences in the UK. Peer reviewed manuscripts are now in preparation and the number of students intercalating research degrees is the highest since the school was established.

Student Involvement:

- There is the largest number of students involved in public and school outreach/engagement events.

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