

## INSPIRE Student School of Medicine Research Advocates

Invitation for applicants | Closing date - Tuesday 23rd September, 4.00pm

### Overview

INSPIRE is designed to engage medical, dental and veterinary undergraduates with research. The School of Medicine has been successful in gaining a competitive INSPIRE award from the Academy of medical sciences.

**We are looking for ten Student doctors from across all five years to help promote and support undergraduate student research in the School of Medicine.**



They will be the student leads on the new INSPIRE committee, working with School and NHS staff, with the aim of promoting research understanding and opportunities within the School of medicine. The posts are available for a year. You will receive:

- The title INSPIRE Student School of Medicine Research Advocate
- Certificate covering your activities for the year
- £100 travel grant to attend research meetings

As part of this team, you will be working with both student research societies and School staff to promote all aspects of research within the school.

## What the role requires

All post holders will be expected to:

- Attend the INSPIRE committee meetings (8 per year), virtual attendance will be possible;
- Work with their INSPIRE colleagues to deliver the INSPIRE agenda;
- Promote research across the student body
- Be available as advocates/speakers/representative/host for various events developing the INSPIRE ethos.

This is a great opportunity to network with research active clinicians, academic pathway clinicians and other colleagues. It will also provide material for your CV and e-portfolios.

The posts also have specific roles; please identify which role you are applying for in your application.

## Available roles:

- Liaison officers to work with and support the Liverpool Research Society (LivResSoc). You will be expected to take an active part in and be responsible for recruiting speakers, organising and delivering seminars and meetings, particularly supporting the Student Research conference. *(Two posts)*
- Liaison officers to work with student societies to develop student extra-curricular research programme creating a catalogue of research opportunities. *(Two posts)*
- Liaison officers to work with All Medical School Student Societies to produce an integrated program of research talks. *(One post)*
- Liaison officers to work with the RS team providing feedback, inspiration and suggestions on how to support student with RS. This can take the form of organising and running focus groups and other types of feedback. Also to organising sessions on how to develop the work that student undertake in their RS projects into posters & presentation for conferences, and papers. *(Two posts)*
- Liaison officers to work with the Intercalation team to promote intercalation, for example producing a catalogue of intercalation experiences; organising and promoting intercalation activities; sessions on mentoring and supporting applications, providing a 'student view' of intercalation and the associated experience. *(Minimum one post)*
- Liaison officers to work with the Integrated Clinical Academic Training (ICAT) programme, particularly the Foundation programme. Working with the Foundation training doctors to organising speakers, venues and promotion of the Foundation/ICAT programme, from a student perspective. *(Minimum one post)*
- Liaison officers to work with the Faculty Student Journal team 'Insider Imprint' helping to manage the journal and promote it within the Medical School. *(One post)*

## How to apply

Students who are interested in applying for the posts should submit CV and statement.

- The CV should be brief (2 pages)
- Include your full name, year of study and Student ID
- Detail of the role you are applying for
- Statement of interest, limited to 300 words, explaining:
  - How you will support the INSPIRE student research activity within the school and the specific post
  - Identifying what you will do with the role
  - Why you are particularly suited for the role
  - Include any relevant experience.

**You can apply for more than one post, but successful candidates will only be appointed to one post.**

Please email your applications to Russell Smith: [intercal.mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:intercal.mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk) with INSPIRE Student research advocates in the title.

**The closing date is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 4.00pm.**

### Selection criteria

The selection criteria will be based on the CV, and where necessary interviews for the posts.

#### The expected criteria are (evidence CV & statement):

- An interest in research
- Strong communication skills
- An interest in teaching and medical education
- Good organisational skills
- Ability to work cohesively as part of a team. The roles will involve working alongside individuals from other fields within and outside of the university.
- Good academic progress

#### The desired criteria are (evidence CV & statement):

- Research and/or teaching experience
- Co-ordinating networking experience
- Organising student activities experience
- Evidence of engagement with School of Medicine extracurricular activities

## Further information

Research-led education is integral to the Liverpool School of Medicine (SoM), with research concepts embedded in core components of the MBChB course.

INSPIRE will develop this further by drawing together existing activities, creating a supportive research enhanced undergraduate environment and providing new opportunities to experience and understand research.

The INSPIRE scheme aims to:

- Promote high quality, collaborative partnerships between members of faculty and students, and between schools and other local/regional/national organisations.
- Encourage student involvement: the experiences and needs of local students should inform the development of the local INSPIRE programme.
- Strengthen local, regional and national student research networks, sharing experiences and resources.
- Foster a research culture in all clinicians entering the NHS, not just those with an interest in pursuing a career in academic medicine.

### INSPIRE Liaison Officer (ILO) role

To take on the role of INSPIRE Liaison Officer you will be expected to:

- Provide co-ordination
- Helping to integrate ideas and suggestions from student societies and school activities.
- During INSPIRE committee meetings, the ILO will provide updates on progress of the events they have been managing, such as conferences, lecture, project placements and seminars.
- It will also be the responsibility of the ILOs to work with each society and school activity to formulate new ideas as well as advertising and implementing them within the medical school.

**Informal enquiries about the roles should be made to Dr John Jenkins, INSPIRE School Lead via [intercal.mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:intercal.mbchb@liverpool.ac.uk)**

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