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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement working group had one full-tram hui during August to reflect on the Clinical Leadership Forum and delegate the remaining tasks of the year.

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM The Student Research Forum on 8 to 9 September in Ōtautahi has been a satisfying and productive collaboration between members of the Engagement Working Group, and New Zealand Medical School Journal executive members! We hope that the 23 ticket-holders that convene in Ōtautahi will enjoy the experience of meeting other like-minded students from around Aotearoa. SRF will involve a social dinner, workshops for professional development, and short presentations from each participant, with 2 x \$1,000 awards available.

MENTORING PROGRAMME The fourth-year mentoring programme has received limited feedback, and so all participants have been offered to attend a Zoom on the 31st of August on how to get the most out of a mentoring relationship.

VAMPIRE CUP The Vampire Cup will be held throughout October, with the University of Auckland or University of Otago winner announced on Halloween. The poster will be publicly shared in September and sites in Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland), Kirikiriroa (Hamilton), Poneke (Wellington), Ōtautahi (Christchurch), and Ōtepoti (Dunedin) are being prepared for student donations.

WORKFORCE

GUIDE TO GRADUATION Guide to Graduation #2 has been submitted to the publisher with the goal of releasing it at the same time as job offers are released on the 4th of September. We have had great collaboration from a wide variety of stakeholders which was fantastic. We have also started planning for Guide to TI. If you are a 5th year student/have heard from your 5th years any questions about TI year, please send them through to Olivia at vpworkforce@nzmsa.org.nz. Olivia is also looking for “words of wisdom” from current TIs about the transition and any tips about the year.

WORKFORCE ADVOCACY There are no new updates, but the Workforce Working Group are excited but Indira and the Advocacy Working Group’s mahi on the PGY1 position numbers and are hopeful this could lead to positive changes for the Class of 2023 and beyond.

ADVOCACY

PGY1 PLACES Indira will be meeting with Te Whatu Ora leadership to try and allocate jobs to all current TI students’ who have not received a PGY1 offer prior to graduation. The Advocacy Working Group will also be working with Te Whatu Ora on potential ACE reform to help account for increasing number of students in 2024.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP The Advocacy Working Group will be in contact with the TEC and Ministry of Education aiming to petition for all TIs to accessing the TI grant as a lump sum payment. Indira has requested each RMSA to please touch base with their respective University to push for this change. The universities need to contact the TEC/Ministry of

Education confirming their support of all TI students receiving the grant as a lump sum payment.

MAHURU MĀORI The Advocacy Working Group have been preparing a quiz which we will publish for medical students using our social media platforms to promote Mahuru Māori month. A video will also be published. Thank you to Andrew who will be editing the film taken at the NZMSA conference to create the video.

OTHER INFORMATION

CONFERENCE BID Bids for the 2024 NZMSA Conference are closing soon! NZMSA is looking for a passionate group of students to plan, construct, and run a conference. It is both a fantastic opportunity to build your progression and team skills whilst also being an amazing addition to your CV. The completed conference bid must be emailed to secretary@nzmsa.org.nz by 5pm Sunday, September 3rd with the subject title: NZMSA 2024 Conference Bid. For more information about how to apply and what your bid should include:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x0JeXU7oM6OjMavQp94dzcdZETefGtdO/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112376709035998946497&rtpof=true&sd=true>

NZMSA DIRECTOR AND OFFICER ELECTIONS The positions available include President, Vice President Advocacy, Vice President Engagement, Vice President Workforce, Partnerships Officer, Communications Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer. For more information regarding the roles available see the booklet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J9qtxnOgd9EmPg9fEZ8m1fR5CgNE8AVU/view?usp=sharing>

We recommend getting in touch with the person who currently holds the position you are interested in. Applications require a CV (2-page max) + cover letter (1-page max) to be sent to secretary@nzmsa.org.nz by 11:59pm 24 September 2023. If you are applying for the role of President, Vice President Advocacy, Vice President Engagement, or Vice President Workforce, you will also be invited to attend a meeting from 7:00pm onwards on 28 September 2023 to give a 1-minute presentation followed by up to three short-answer questions from members of the voting panel. If you are applying for multiple roles, you are welcome to send in the same CV and cover letter, or a different CV and cover letter for each role you are applying for. Successful candidates will be announced at the NZMSA AGM on 5 October 2023.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Conference Bid Presentations: 7 September 2023
- Student Research Forum: 8-9 September 2023
- NZMSA Executive Meeting: 21 September 2023
- Director and Officer Application Presentations: 28 September 2023
- Vampire Cup: October 2023
- NZMSA AGM: 5 October 2023