MSc in Translational Health Sciences

the social science of innovation



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Group Projects

- Translational Health Sciences (THS) requires working with colleagues from many different disciplines
- A final group presentation developed over a class week develops these skills
- Assignment briefs draw on aspects of the individual module
- Work together to solve a problem related to THS



Assessment and Feedback

- Presentations are pass/fail (individual students)
 - Encourages them to engage
 - No numerical grade discourages perverse incentive to "point score"
- Extensive formative feedback
- Structured:
 - Overall comments on the presentation
 - What you did well
 - What you could improve



Benefits

- Practice working in interdisciplinary teams
- Explore an aspect of THS
- Concisely explain nuanced information to a particular audience
 - Assignment brief will specify: e.g., policymakers; regulators; clinicians
- Extensive formative feedback allows improvement of presentations from module to module
- Structured feedback format ensures balance