



# INNOVATION INITIATIVE



**CURRENT R&D** is driven by **PROFIT** rather than **global healthcare needs** leaving many widespread “unprofitable” diseases neglected

## 2 MAJOR ISSUES:

### Neglected Diseases

Examples: Chagas, Rabies, Leprosy



**1 in 6** of the world's population is affected by neglected diseases but research receives only **2%** of total R&D funding

### Drug Resistant Bacteria

Examples: MRSA, MDR-TB



**25,000** people die annually due to drug resistant bacteria but no major antibiotics have been developed over the past **20 years**

What is UAEM doing?

## INNOVATION CAMPAIGNS



### Access to Medicines Week

During this campaign, we advocate for alternative R&D in their local campuses/communities. We aim to create awareness for the “drug problem” we are facing and suggest possible solutions.



### Advocacy Initiatives

We aim to employ creative ways of advocacy through public actions and events. Last year, Western University UAEM chapter organized a flash mob, an advocacy booth at the university community centre, and a speaker event.

As well as other campaigns in partnership with Access and Empowerment committees. For more information on Access to Essential Medicines, check out the PDF!

## FUTURE GOALS

1. Advance the accountability and transparency of universities on their research and licensing practices
2. Initiate a dialogue with and between universities around measures they can take on to better ensure equitable access to life-saving biomedical innovations for all
3. Hold our institution accountable for their public commitments to neglected areas of global health and access to medicines

OUR strategies & campaigns are constantly **EVOLVING** and we would love your **IDEAS** 

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