

Guts UK/Dr Falk Pharma UK Awards

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THE GUTS UK/DR FALK PHARMA 2020 AWARDS ARE OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Guts UK/Dr Falk Pharma awards recognise the achievements of those who bring new insight to gastroenterology and hepatology, and the collaboration that furthers patient care. These awards are an opportunity to achieve national recognition as well as the financial support for career progression.

This year's awards comprise:

A £1000 prize for the best essay on gastroenterology or hepatology research personally undertaken by medical students who were on an intercalated BSc/MRes/MSc/MPH/MBPhD* course during the previous academic year (2018–19).

Four £1500 prizes for medical students taking full-time science degrees (BSc/MRes/MSc/MPH/MBPhD*) focusing on gastrointestinal or liver-related disease in the current academic year (2019–20).

Two £2500 awards for F1/F2 doctors to facilitate prospective research in an area relevant to gastroenterology or hepatology.

A £1000 award for primary and secondary care gastrointestinal/liver nurses for initiatives that have improved patient care. This year we are also inviting colleagues to nominate nurses to this award.

A £1000 award for dietitians working in gastroenterology or hepatology for initiatives that have improved patient care.

Up to £10000 is available for UK-based gastroenterology/hepatology SpR trainees who would like to conduct an audit or quality improvement project in any area of gastroenterology, liver disease or nutrition.

Applications close at 17:00 hours on Monday 6 April 2020.

For further information and to apply, refer to: <https://gutscharity.org.uk/research/grants-and-awards/>

*PhD students should note that they may apply for the medical student prize only once during their 3-year studentship and that they may apply for the essay prize when their PhD has been completed.

AWARD WINNERS 2019

Dr Falk-Guts UK Medical Student Essay (1 at £1000)

Henry Lee-Six

Wellcome Sanger Institute, Cambridge

Title of the project: Mutational landscape of normal colon

Project supervisor: Professor Sir Michael Stratton

Dr Falk-Guts UK Medical Student Prizes (4 at £1500 each)

Jaelyn Tan

Department of Microbiology, Royal Free Hospital

Title of the project: Improving the diagnosis and management of spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in patients with cirrhosis and ascites

Project supervisor: Dr Rachel Westbrook

Jorlin Liu

UCL Institute for Liver and Digestive Health

Title of the project: Fatty acid metabolic pathways in hepatocellular carcinoma: novel biomarkers and treatment target

Project supervisor: Dr Mark Waugh

Elisabeth Baggus

Academic Unit of Gastroenterology, University of Sheffield

Title of the project: Non-responsive and refractory coeliac disease: the largest UK experience from the National Centre of the NHS England Rare Diseases Collaborative Network

Project supervisor: Professor David Sanders

Elinor Roderick

Institute of Immunity and Transplantation, University College London

Title of the project: The impact of T cell receptor repertoire restriction in autoimmune hepatitis

Project supervisor: Dr Neil Halliday, Professor Graeme Alexander & Professor David Sansom

Dr Falk-Guts UK Dietitian Prize (1 at £1000)

Isobel Connolly

Advanced Dietitian in Paediatric Gastroenterology, St George's Hospital, London

Title of the project: To establish a dietetic-led clinic for the management of paediatric patients with coeliac disease and to evaluate the service pre and post change to the clinic structure

Dr Falk-Guts UK Nurse Prize (1 at £1000)

Lainie Lawson

Hepatology Specialist Practitioner, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Title of the project: Maximise screening and treatment programmes for Hepatitis C within the local prisons

Dr Falk-Guts UK F1/F2 Research Grants (2 at £2500 each)

Dr Oliver Shutkover

Department of Pathology, University College London

Title of the project: Chromosomal copy number alterations in gastric intestinal metaplasia as a potential biomarker for risk of progression to gastric cancer

Project supervisor: Dr Marnix Jansen

Dr Grace Hatton

Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital

Title of the project: The role of faecal microbial transplantation (FMT) in treatment of chronic liver disease

Project supervisor: Dr Deborah Shawcross

Dr Falk-Guts UK SpR Trainee Audit/Quality Improvement Award

Dr Rishi Fofaria

Endoscopy and IBD Departments, St Mark's Hospital, London

Title of project: Prospective observational study to investigate the role of pre-procedure faecal calprotectin before scheduled IBD surveillance colonoscopy to improve quality of care

Project supervisor: Dr Naila Arebi

Awarded: £5149

Contributors Guts UK Charity's vision is of a world where digestive disorders are better understood, better treated and everyone who lives with one gets the support they need. Guts UK aims to provide expert information, raise public awareness of digestive health and transform the landscape for research into our digestive system to help people affected by diseases of the gut, liver and pancreas.

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