

## Celebrating and Recognising the Achievements of Research Staff in the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

To celebrate and recognise the achievement of the University's research staff, the Research Staff Strategy Group introduced Research Staff Excellence Awards. We are delighted to announce the inaugural winners and highly commended within the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health.

Following an open call for nominations, colleagues nominated research staff for their achievements, impact and successes in their research. The winners and highly commended were selected by a panel comprised of academics leads for research staff and researcher development and chaired by the Associate Vice President for Research. Full details of the awards and criteria are available [here](#).

**Dr Annette Allen** in the Division of Neuroscience and Experimental Psychology had an incredible year of achievement in 2019 securing a Henry Dale Fellowship, having multiple research papers accepted for publication including one in Nature Communications and receiving invitations to speak at prestigious international conferences. Her outstanding year has been recognised, as she is now the Faculty's **Research Staff of the Year 2020** winner.



Also the excellent research being carried out by Dr Daniel Wiseman and Dr Jack Green was recognised as they were highly commended in the same category. Daniel is developing an international profile for his work in the area of chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia whilst Jack is building on his impressive outputs in the area of cell inflammatory responses.

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In 2020, **Dr Joan Chang, Dr Richa Garva and Dr Adam Pickard** published a seminal research paper in Nature Cell Biology on their ground breaking discovery of the circadian clock control of collagen secretion. The article was picked up by 25+ news outlets and has a very high Altmetric score of 352. It connects two fields of research, circadian biology and collagen homeostasis, which have largely been separated so far. As a result of their work they are winners of the Faculty's **Best Outstanding Output by Research Staff**.

A joint first author paper published in Nature by Dr Daniel Wiseman was highly commended, as was Dr Josh Mouland's first author publication in Current Biology.

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**Dr Kelly Burgoyne** is the Faculty winner of **Best Outstanding Contribution to Research Impact by Research Staff**. This is in recognition of Kelly's role in leading the development of evidence based online advice sessions to support parents of children with Down syndrome during the pandemic. The impact was significant as each session vastly oversubscribed with around 500 registrations, so to increase accessibility, Kelly made the sessions available on YouTube.

In addition, the work of the RCEM COVID 19 CPD was highly commended in this category. Since lockdown the team have conducted a literature search of titles looking for the most useful new research that week for the practicing emergency physician.

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The **Faculty's research staff reps network** was highly commended in the University wide category of **Best Outstanding Contribution to the Research Staff Environment**. The reps have worked with dedication and commitment to make a positive contribution to the environment locally and across the University, for example, it was the Faculty reps who initiated and led the University's involvement in Postdoc Appreciation Week.

Many congratulations to all of the winners and highly commended research staff, your significant contribution to the research excellence of the Faculty is appreciated.