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Save the Date

We invite our early-career colleagues to a brand-new BACR conference focused on your professional growth.

Mark your calendars!

Trailblazers in Cancer Research: The Next Generation is scheduled for Thursday, 22 - Friday, 23 June 2023, at the Pendulum Hotel, Manchester

More information to come via email, website, and social media.

**Trailblazers
in Cancer Research:
The Next Generation**

22 - 23 June 2023
Manchester

**2023
EARLY-CAREER
CONFERENCE**

Dear BACR Member,

As we start a new year, here is a quick update from our team...

Get Ready to Scoop That Award

BACR Awards applications are now open. As usual, there are several awards to apply for:



Dr George Poulogiannis

BACR/AstraZeneca Young Scientist Frank Rose Award

"This award marks the achievement of many brilliant scientists I have been fortunate to work with, including past and current members of my laboratory, as well as many great collaborators and mentors, to whom I owe an immeasurable debt. It gives me and my team great motivation to keep improving and conduct impactful research that can benefit cancer patients and their families. Following the announcement of this award, I have received the UK Research and Innovation Future Leaders Fellowship and have recently been promoted to a University Reader in Cancer Metabolism and Precision Medicine at ICR." Young Scientist Frank Rose Award 2022 recipient, Dr George Poulogiannis, The Institute for Cancer Research

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Dr Faith N Howard

BACR/Astrex Roger Griffin Prize for Cancer Drug Discovery

"The timing of the prize was omnipotent as I was also able to include it in an interview about my research published in The Guardian. The power of these two events has raised my profile both locally and externally. I have had opportunities to create collaborations, invited publications and opportunities for outreach talks to inspire the next generation of scientists." 2022 Roger Griffin Prize recipient, Dr Faith N Howard, the University of Sheffield

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Timothy Budden, PhD

Chris Marshall Prize for Cell Signalling

"In a career where rejection is commonplace, from applying for fellowships or submitting papers for publication, I think it is important that we reward and encourage young, early career scientists for their achievements to promote and inspire their work. Receiving this award was an encouraging acknowledgement of my hard work and commitment to my research and career so far. The recognition it provides is an inspiration for continuing a career and life in cancer research." Chris Marshall Prize 2022 recipient, **Timothy Burden, PhD**, The University of Manchester

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Tiffany Ma, PhD

BACR Student Impact Award

"As an international student who grew up in Hong Kong and California, this award has meant a lot to me as it is a reflection of how welcome and supported I have felt within my local communities in Oxford as well as in the wider scientific community in the UK." Student Impact Award 2022 recipient, **Tiffany Ma, PhD**, University of Oxford

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We look forward to receiving applications for these prestigious **Awards**. If you have any questions or queries, please email us at bacr@leeds.ac.uk. The next application deadline for the Awards is **31st March 2023**.

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Make Your Voice Heard

The BACR Blog is a powerful platform where our members share their experiences and journey in cancer research in the UK and beyond.

Here is an excerpt from the latest contribution by **Nicolas Brittain**, PhD candidate from Newcastle University, where he is currently undertaking CRUK-funded research into advanced prostate cancer in the lab of Dr Luke Gaughan.



Nicolas Brittain

"I have always firmly believed there is no real substitute for the natural, in-person connections we innately seek as human beings. It is also one of the most effective skills we have to share ideas, foster creativity, and ultimately drive innovation. My past life as a science teacher reminds me that the ability to look an audience in the eye and transmit a concept, whether to schoolchildren or like-minded peers, is very powerful.

My research career has taken me all over the country..."

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In 2022, the BACR awarded more than £34,500 through travel awards and bursaries.

35 students were able to attend meetings and conferences all around the world.



Katie Hanna



Ryan Ellison

Ryan Ellison, a 2nd year PhD student based at the University of York, received a travel bursary to attend the BACR60th Anniversary Meeting.

The BACR60th Anniversary Meeting in the summer of 2022 hosted over 150 delegates from around the world. There were more than 90 posters presented during the event.

Strive & Achieve

Do you wish to attend a scientific meeting relevant to cancer research? Do you need to travel to fulfil your research goals - for collaboration or further study?

We provide several **travel bursaries** and **fellowships**, and with exception of BSc and Master Students, **members at all career stages are eligible to apply.**

For more details, [visit our website.](#)

Here is what our recent recipients say:

"My visit to Renishaw afforded me an invaluable opportunity to interface with Raman experts and receive specialised one-to-one tuition. The data I obtained from this visit has been analysed with a novel quantitative method and shown that Raman spectroscopy may be useful in breast cancer detection and diagnosis. I am so grateful to the BACR for awarding me this bursary to make this visit possible."

Katie Hanna, a final year PhD student at the University of Aberdeen, reflects on a travel exchange bursary to visit Renishaw, a company with specialist expertise in Raman spectroscopy

"I got the information about this BACR 60th Anniversary Meeting very early, and I submitted my abstract and the student travel award application immediately. I heard about the latest research on different topics, which greatly expanded my knowledge, and I got to present my work in a poster session. It was nerve-wracking to present my work in front of many experts from all over the world, especially after seeing many wonderful reports of other posters. But it not only gave me a great chance to practice my scientific communication but also helped me to get great feedback from experts in the same field. I met many young scientists in training in the cancer research area from different countries and exchanged our different PhD experiences in different countries, which also made this journey very joyful. Also, the award sessions awarded scientists who have made significant contributions were very inspiring!" **Chun Li**, 3rd year PhD student, University of Hull

"As a third-year PhD student in the department of oncology and metabolism of the University of Sheffield, I was honoured to receive a BACR travel bursary to support me in presenting my work entitled "Novel methods of targeting IL-1 signalling for the treatment of breast cancer bone metastasis" in the BACR 60th Anniversary Meeting. Attending the BACR 60th Anniversary Meeting was a great opportunity to discuss my work with the wider scientific community; at this stage, it allowed me to gain valuable feedback on the context and content of my study. This travel fund support means a lot to me." **Jiabao Zhou**, 3rd year PhD student, University of Sheffield

**The next application deadline
for travel bursaries & fellowships
is 7th February 2023.**

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News from the Executive Committee



Dr Tim Fenton

Thanks to **Dr Sara Holt** for her input over the past three years, and a warm welcome to **Dr Tim Fenton**, who has joined the Executive Committee and will replace Sarah on the Meetings and Training Committee.

And another warm welcome to clinical scientist **Dr Anna Wilkins** of the Institute of Cancer Research, London, and an Honorary Consultant in Clinical Oncology at the Royal Marsden as our new co-opted Executive Committee member, replacing **Professor Alan Melcher**.



Dr Anna Wilkins

We welcome **Francis Mprah Barnieh, PhD**, from the University of Bradford, as the BACR Executive Committee co-opted postdoc member. Francis is the Lead Organiser for a new BACR conference, **Trailblazers in Cancer Research: The Next Generation**.

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It is our privilege to formally welcome our new President, **Emeritus Professor Adrian Harris**, who will be replacing Karen Vousden.



Francis M Barnieh, PhD

Adrian L. Harris has been Cancer Research UK Professor of Medical Oncology at the University of Oxford since 1989, a Senior Investigator at the National Institute of Health Research, and a founder Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

He ranks among the top 200 cited researchers based on the Google Scholar h index, with more than 500 published articles and over 170,000 citations.

Adrian L. Harris has received a Platinum Merit Award from the National Health Service for the last 15 years, given to the 200 most outstanding consultants for all specialities.

He has managed breast cancer patients for over 35 years.

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'It is a great honour to serve the BACR, an organisation which has helped me over the last 45 years.'

*Adrian Harris
Emeritus Professor of Medical Oncology*

The Association (BACR) was formed in 1960, primarily on the initiative of Sir Alexander Haddow, when a group of cancer researchers and clinicians met to found the British Association for Cancer Research (BACR).

On Thursday, 15th September 1960, at the University of Glasgow, Dr PR Peacock presided at the Inaugural Meeting and formally called the Association into existence.

74 members were present, and scientific papers and demonstrations were given throughout.

It was agreed that the first annual subscription should be £1. Bear in mind that in those days, a senior researcher would probably only earn about £2,000 per annum.

By 1962, The British Association for Cancer Research already had 259 members.

Over the next few years, more meetings were held, and international speakers were invited to give lectures.

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

- **Trailblazers in Cancer Research: The Next Generation**
22 - 23 June 2023
- **Tumour Microenvironment & Modelling Workshop**
6 - 8 September 2023

If you have an **idea for a conference or workshop on any area of cancer research**, please get in touch with us via bacr@leeds.ac.uk.

And Finally...

The biggest thanks go out to all BACR Members for your continuous support.

If you wish to contact us, please email bacr@leeds.ac.uk for general enquiries and barbora.gaborova@abdn.ac.uk for media, comms and PR.

If you wish to feature your own piece on the BACR Blog, please, email barbora.gaborova@abdn.ac.uk.

For the latest news and updates, there is always our Membership Jiscmail service, as well as social media. We'd like to encourage you to tag us in for any exciting announcements.

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Until next time,
BACR Team