

AWARDS for Western's SSMD Students

THE ROWNTREE PRIZE IN MEDICAL HISTORY (EST. 1929)

Awarded annually in memory of Dr. Leonard G. Rowntree for work in medical history completed by a Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (SSMD) medical student.

Dr. Leonard G. Rowntree (1883-1959) was born and raised in London, Ontario, graduating from Western University in 1905 as Gold Medalist. As a physician, researcher, teacher and administrator, he worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital, the University of Minnesota, the Mayo Clinic and later the University of Miami. He is most well known for the Rowntree Test for kidney function – the phenol-sulphophthalein test. He was a loyal alumnus of Western, serving as Medical Alumni President during the 1930s and attending numerous Western events over the years.

Past Award Recipients:



2024	Aishwarya Kulkarni and Julia Cressman
2023	Helen Jin and Danielle Vucenovic
2022	Rahman Ladak and Snow Wangding
2021	Anthony Ziccarelli and Tharsan Kanagalingam
2020	Jelena Poleksic and Jacob Wihlidal
2019	Adrina Zhong and Timothy Varghese
2018	Daniel Stojanovic and Michael Chen
2017	Katharina Baranova and Ariel Gershon
2016	Vanessa de Melo
2015	Daniel Stojanovic
2014	Hannah MacKenzie
2013	Alexandra Istl
2012	Benjamin Strauss
2011	Jacqueline Swan
2010	Kathleen Mackeracher
2009	Emily Claydon
2008	Pencilla Lang



THE HARVEY CLUB OF LONDON PRIZE (EST. 2008)

Awarded annually for the best medical student paper/presentation in the history of medicine.

Founded in 1919 by local physicians, the Harvey Club of London, Canada is the oldest active medical club in this country. The original objective of the club was to prepare, present and publish more scientific research papers – which it did – however broader interests in the sciences, professions, humanities and the world at large have also been encouraged. Currently, there are approximately 70 active and emeriti members.

Past Award Recipients:



2024	Bowen Xia
2023	Jelena Poleksic
2022	Andrew Nguyen
2021	Arjun Patel
2020	Melissa Chopcian
2019	Gali Katznelson
2018	Sandra Botros
2017	North de Pencier
2016	Nicole Arseneau
2015	Madeline Arkle and Daniel Liu
2014	Kevin Dueck
2013	Noor Jawaid
2012	Abdul Naeem
2011	Jason Chan
2010	Lucas Vivas
2009	Michael Livingston
2008	Tiffany Kwok

2025 HISTORY OF MEDICINE ROUNDS STUDENT SHOWCASE



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- **Dina Babiker, Med2028** -- Salmon Spermatozoa & Blood Clotting: The Overlooked Role of Protamine Sulphate as a Heparin Reversal Agent in early Cardiac Surgery
- **Nikita Burman, Med2028** -- “Leech Mania”: Bringing Medicine and Economy Together in 18th- and 19th-Century Europe and America
- **Carly Burow, Med 2028** and **Isha Suri, Med2028** -- A Bloodless Revolution? Examining the Debate surrounding the Use of Electrosurgery as a “New” Tonsillectomy Technique in the Early 20th Century
- **Vanessa Chen, Med2027** and **Ivan Zhang, Med2027** -- War as a Laboratory: The Evolution of American Blood Transfusion Techniques in World War 1
- **Brigida DiMatteo, Med2027** -- Sculpting with A Scalpel: Dr. Harold Gillies and the Artistry of Reconstructive Surgery
- **Shirley Fan, Med2027** -- Blowing Up Cancer: Mustard Gas and the Birth of Chemotherapy
- **Adela Gottardi, Med2027** and **Josephine Liu, Med2027** -- Persistence on Multiple Fronts: The Soviet Union’s Role in the Rise, Fall, and Resurgence of Phage Therapy
- **William Herspiegel, Med2026** -- In the Eye of Innovation: The History of Antibiotic Use in Cataract Surgery
- **Ariela Jamshidi-Shahvar, Med2028** -- Validating a Disease Theory: How Poor Evidence Shaped Decades of Endometriosis Treatment
- **Nima Malakoti-Negad, Med2028** and **Yaser Al Moayad, Med2028** -- Cold Hearts, Warm Breakthroughs: How Canadian Hypothermia Shaped Modern Cardiac Anesthesia
- **Poojitha Pai, Med2026** -- “It’s a Branding Issue:” The Development of Fecal Microbiota Transplantation and Overcoming the “Ick Factor”
- **Wyatt Pickrell, Med2027** -- The Fastest Knife in the West End: How Robert Liston (1794–1847) Utilized Speed and Skill to Pioneer the Patient-Centred Surgical Model in 19th-century England
- **Mohnish Rao, Med2025** -- The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly: The History of The London Insane Asylum
- **Sahara Rosha, Med2027** -- From Calories to Colonies: Tracing the Imperial Roots of Diabetes in South Asians
- **Rhidita Saha, Med2027** -- Blood on their hands: How the Krever Commission Uncovered Canada’s Tainted Past and Rebuilt Canada’s Broken Blood System
- **Shreya Sharma, Med2028** -- Leprosy or Lies? Stigma, Society, and the Truth in Arthur Conan Doyle’s “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier” (1926)
- **Austin Solak, Med2026** -- The Sleep of Death and the Dawn of Safety: How Anesthesia’s Risks Sparked Modern Innovations
- **Raymond Tu, Med2027** -- Gold Standards: Arsenic Trioxide and the Precious Role of Metals in Medicine
- **Mia Van Oirschot, Med2027** -- From Conception to Reality: How the Birth of In Vitro Fertilization Transformed the Field of Reproductive Medicine
- **Eva Vieira, Med2028** -- The Role of Surgical Innovation and Hesitancy in Limb Replantation: How Ronald Malt Set the Impetus for Improved Limb Salvation Efforts
- **Chris Zajner, Med2025** -- The Impact of Public Health and Medical Theory on the Societal Response to the 1889 Russian Flu