

THE ROWNTREE PRIZE IN MEDICAL HISTORY (EST. 1929)

Awarded in memory of Dr. Leonard G. Rowntree for medical student work in medical history.

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:

- 2025 Poojitha Pai and Raymond Tu
- 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.



Past Award Recipients:

- 2025 Nikita Burman
- 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

2026 HISTORY OF MEDICINE ROUNDS STUDENT SHOWCASE



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- **Seyedeh-Samin Barakati, Med2028** -- Revisiting Albucaasis: Historical Foundations of Dysmenorrhea Management Suggesting Ongoing Gaps in Western Medicine
- **Jephaniah Chow, Med2028** -- The Two Faces of the Two Snakes: The Caduceus as a Symbol of Medicine
- **Johnny Li Tang, Med2029** -- Knights Hospitallers: The Pioneers of Modern Medicine
- **Caroline Alionte, Med2028** -- Healing Without a Cure: Tuberculosis Medicine Before Antibiotics
- **Sarah Bilgasem, Med2028** -- Reconstructing Identity: The Guinea Pig Club and the Making of Modern Plastic Surgery
- **Siddhant Maini, Med2028** -- “All in Your Head”: Tracing the Shift from Psychogenic to Physiological Models of Erectile Dysfunction
- **Bryn Tannar, Med2028** -- From Therapeutic Nihilism to Time-Dependent Intervention: How Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA) Revolutionized Acute Ischemic Stroke Treatment
- **Shehla Choudhary, Med2028** -- Displacing the Dai: Colonial Obstetric Intervention and the Legacy of Maternal Care in India, 1880–1947
- **Jennifer Tran, Med2028** -- From Parasols to SPF: Fashion Trends, Sun Exposure, and the Medicalization of Sunscreen in the 19th and 20th Centuries
- **Fabiana Kellen, Med2027** -- Bodily Sovereignty and Scientific Trust: A Critical History of Vaccine Resistance
- **Hamzah Algodhi, Med2028** -- From Forgotten Experiments to Global Protocol: Chest Compressions for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and its ‘Accidental’ Rediscovery by Two Electrical Engineers at Johns Hopkins University
- **Yasmine Madan, Med2029** -- When Seeing Meant Saving: Foreign Bodies and the Evolution of Pediatric Airway Endoscopy
- **Nikita Burman, Med2028** -- Renal Colic in the Sistine Chapel: Michelangelo and the Lived Experience of Nephrolithiasis
- **Sai Thirugnamsampanthar, Med2028** -- Beyond the Germ: How Political and Institutional Alignment Determined the Fate of Medical Knowledge in the Nineteenth Century
- **Ariela Jamshidi-Shahvar, Med2028** -- Reproductive Bias in Early PICOS: The Stein-Leventhal Syndrome
- **Madhura Deshpande, Med2028 & Mathavan Vije, Med2028** -- Twilight Sleep: Pain Relief, Power, and the Rise of Modern Obstetrics
- **Alexander Moersch, Med2028 & Andee Qiao, Med2027** -- Rinderpest: Humanity’s Centuries Long Battle with Cattle Pestilence
- **Christian Neira Agonh, Med2027** -- “The Most Humane Weapon:” U.S. Scientific, Medical and Military Advocacy Against the Geneva Protocol and for Chemical Weapons, 1919–1930
- **Elijah Scott Aagiosaad Van Dinther, Med2028** -- Scientific Inquiry or Ethical Transgression? Re-evaluating Canada’s Twentieth-Century Nutritional Experiments on Malnourished Institutionalized Children: A Case Study
- **Hayden Hartwick, Med2028** -- Pathologizing Parenting: The Refrigerator Mother Theory and its Legacy in Autism Care
- **Nancy Qiao, Med2029** -- Osler Society of London (Ontario) and the Second World War: A Study of Volunteerism
- **Jacqueline Chen, Med2028** -- From Womb to World: Leonardo da Vinci’s Fetal Studies and the Birth of Modern Illustration
- **Ria Bagga, Med2028** -- When Housing Became Health Care: Tuberculosis, Overcrowding, and Public Health Policy in Canada
- **Syed Arfat Irfan, Med2028** -- Phlebotomy as a Cardiorespiratory Intervention in Islamicate Medicine: Indications and Contradictions