

**THE BRITISH
ASSOCIATION
FOR CANCER
RESEARCH**



Newsletter

Coming soon

Tumour Microenvironment

Building on the success of four previous tumour microenvironment meetings, we will again showcase fantastic international tumour microenvironment research.

This event will be composed of a 3D Cancer Modelling Workshop, followed by a two day conference, investigating key topics in the tumour microenvironment, including a Keynote Talk from Doug Hanahan. There will be sessions on state-of-the-art spatial mapping, host tumour interactions, mechanobiology, metabolic regulation, metastasis, clinical translation and a first-hand insight into the patient's journey.

Trailblazers

We are pleased to announce our second Trailblazers conference aimed at students and early career researchers. Following the success of our first trailblazers event, we hope to reach even more young researchers and provide them with early career support.

Ambassador and Early Career Researcher programmes

This year, we will be introducing our new Ambassador and Early Career Researcher programmes. These initiatives are designed to strengthen the organisation's presence across cancer research centres within the UK and to enhance engagement within our community. In particular, we are very excited to welcome our Early Career Researchers who will be able to represent and speak on behalf of our early career and student members with regard to how

the Association can help their research and careers. See our website to find your local Ambassador.

Awards

This year we presented a number of awards and bursaries.



Kyle Greenland - Student Impact Award

Kyle won the BACR Student impact award 2025 for his outstanding work in cancer research outreach. To find out more about Kyles work, click [here](#).



Dr Vinaya Gunasri - BACR Early Careers Award

Vinaya was awarded the first Early Careers Award in July of 2025. She is an NIHR Clinical Lecturer in Histopathology at the University College London. You can read more about Dr Gunasri [here](#).



Dr. Evangelos Giampazolias - BACR/AstraZeneca Young Scientist Frank Rose Award

“I’m deeply grateful to the BACR and AstraZeneca for this honour, and to the many people - mentors, collaborators, and lab members - who have shaped this journey. I am excited for the discoveries still to come.”

Deadlines for the Bursaries and fellowships will be

31st January 2026

30th June 2026

30th September 2026

[Apply here](#)

We're proud to have awarded more than £35,000 in bursaries, helping our members access conferences by providing vital financial support. Our support has reached the following members this year;

Ali Manasik

Alicia-Marie Conway

Emma Swift

Sarah Barnett

Oliver Cottrell

Jan Schulze

Conrado Guerrero

Jodie Malcolm

Jessica Whittle

Grace Hayes

Kyle Greenland

Molly McKenzie

Carla Amos

Phimmada Hatthakarnkul

Linda Vidova

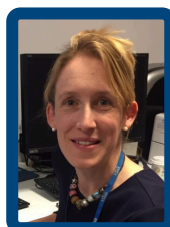
You can read more about their experiences on our [website](#).

Updates from the Executive Committee

We extend our thanks to the following Executive Committee members who stepped down at the Annual General Meeting:



Tim Fenton - University of Southampton



Anna Wilkins - Institute of Cancer Research

Taking over from these members, we are thrilled to welcome the following members to our committee:



Mark Cragg - University of Southampton



Eileen Parkes - University of Oxford



Helen Pearson - Cardiff University

Looking back on this year

The BACR hosted two successful conferences this year. Our 65th Anniversary Meeting was hugely popular, with over 200 attendees. In addition, the Cancer Immunology Conference was hosted at the University of Southampton. Both of these had overwhelmingly positive feedback.

We have also started our Webinar series, with support from outgoing committee member, Tim Fenton. The series started with a lecture from BACR President, Adrian Harris on how hypoxia affects the behaviour of breast cancer cells and how this knowledge is being translated into new therapeutic strategies. Ingunn Holen (previous Chair of the BACR) hosted the second Webinar, which explored the use of in vivo models in studies of metastatic breast cancer, and the current challenges that researchers are tackling to improve patient outcomes. We look forward to continuing this series in the coming years.

You can find recordings of the Webinars on our website under Events/Webinars