

UCL student wins Royal Society of Medicine poster prize

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A UCL student has won the prestigious Royal Society of Medicine Student Research Poster Prize.

Anna Rose, who is studying for an MSc in the Genetics of Human Disease, beat other medical students from across the country.

She created a poster explaining her research on the genetics of retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease.

The research formed part of her iBSc at the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and involved looking at patients with the condition and identifying which mutations they exhibited within a particular gene.

Anna said: “This disease is a common cause of blindness worldwide, especially in young patients, and as such, it is important to carry out research into the underlying genetics of the disease so that in the future a gene therapy can be found.”

She said she hoped the win would inspire other medical students “slaving away with lab research”.
