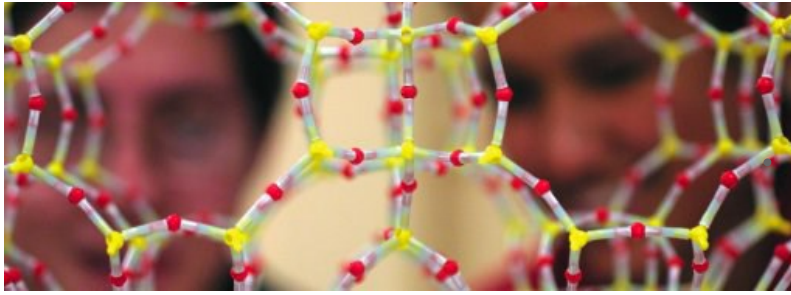


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Medical Student Research Taster Experience

Help required. Are you involved in research? Can you help our medical students?

[Further details \(/Documents/college-mds/percat/events/taster2015.pdf\)](/Documents/college-mds/percat/events/taster2015.pdf)

PERCAT Research Gala

This year's PERCAT Research Gala was held on Thursday 2 October 2014, Great Hall, Aston Webb, University of Birmingham.

- **[Gala report \(/Documents/college-mds/percat/Gala-report.pdf\)](/Documents/college-mds/percat/Gala-report.pdf)**

Women in Academic Medicine (WAM)

The **Athena SWAN** (<http://www.athenaswan.org.uk/html/athena-swan/>) (Scientific Women's Academic Network) charter was established in June 2005, and encourages the advancement of female academics in UK Higher Educational institutions.

The College of Medical and Dental Sciences was recently awarded the Silver Award, which is a very significant achievement. The Award recognises the College's success in developing employment practices to further and support the careers of women in academia.

- **[Athena Forum Guide - Signposting Career Paths for Postdoctoral Researchers \(/Documents/college-mds/percat/Athena-Forum-Guide.pdf\)](/Documents/college-mds/percat/Athena-Forum-Guide.pdf)**

To align with the goals of the Athena SWAN charter, the College of MDS has practices and guidelines in place to support and nurture female academics across all of our disciplines. We aim to encourage the growth and progression of women in medicine and science, creating an establishment of excellence that attracts and retains the brightest women in medicine and science. The group are now pursuing the Athena Swan Charter silver award. This is essential for the college in light of the NIHR announcing that funding will not be given to any institute not holding the Athena SWAN silver award.