



Sir Thomas Houston Medal

Award Details:

The award is a silver medal.

The award is presented at the annual School prizegiving ceremony in December.

The Sir Thomas Houston prize in microbiology was founded in 1950 under a bequest by Sir Thomas Houston, a former Pro-Chancellor. It is awarded annually to the most distinguished student in microbiology. Bequest to be used under the direction of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences.

Topic for 2025-26:

Third year students who wish to be considered for the prize should write up an interesting infection case that they have seen during one of their clinical attachments.

The format for the case study should be:

- Case history and examination findings
- Investigations
- Diagnosis and treatment
- Case discussion – epidemiology, microbiology, brief focused literature review

Students should include 3-4 key learning points at the end. Please include a cover sheet for your essay submission to include student name, student number and email address.

Patient data should be anonymised, and all submissions are to be accompanied by a letter or note from the consultant responsible for their care that the details included accord with the facts.

The essay submission should be no more than a max of 500 words.

Eligible Students: Year 3

Submission: email your essay to Cara McKeating c.mckeating@qub.ac.uk, copy to Rosaleen.smyth@qub.ac.uk

Deadline: 1st June 2026

Word count limit: 500