

FALL 2025

UME Students at ICAM in Halifax



In April, students, staff, and faculty from around the world arrived in Halifax to share innovation and scholarship in medical education. Here are the students who presented, thanks for representing the Cumming School of Medicine!

(From Left)

Simran Sandhu (class of 2025), Debby Oladimeji, Kirstie Lithgow, Amy Bromley, Pamela Roach, Tito Daodu, Catherine Hamel, Alan Santinele Martino, and Shannon Ruzycki. "Exclusivity in spaces and structures in the medical training environment" (oral presentation)

Kailey Newel (class of 2026) and Sarah Anderson. "Strategies to enhance accessibility of cadaveric-based anatomy learning experiences for medical students with anxiety traits generated through narrative review" (oral presentation)

Eddie Guo (class of 2025), Mehul Gupta, Ye-Jean Park and Rashi Ramchandani. "Al in medical education: interactive and personalized learning with OSCEai" (oral presentation)

Yingying Zhao (class of 2026), Irene Ma, and Mike Paget. "The crucial role of the learning management system in a spiral curriculum" (poster presentation)

Addiba Adel (class of 2027), Rachel Ellaway, Rabiya Jalil, and Allison Brown. "Exploring resistance in the context of social justice education in undergraduate medical education" (poster presentation)

"Believe in the power of truth. Do not allow your mind to be imprisoned by majority thinking.

Remember that the limits of science are not the limits of imagination."

Progress in Action – Q2 now online: Q2 Online Link

This quarter's Progress In Action (PIA) features:

Student Research – including the link to the Class of 2026's Eclipse abstracts:

https://ucalgary.scholaris.ca/collections/20b1fe3b-2dd0-49e1-81f1-c43fd2480212

Block evaluations in Clerkship: Success in getting the information we need to continue improving the program.

Financial Literacy: Students have been getting lots of support from our (relatively) new financial advisor.



Canadian Medical Student Research Competition

On May 4th, 2025, our program participated in the second annual Canadian Medical Student Research Competition, hosted virtually by the Canadian Federation of Medical Students. This competition brought together 1 MD student and 1 MD-Combined program student from participating medical schools across the country. Congratulations to Nicole Sarden Taylor (class of 2027) and Brooklynn Fernandez (LIM program, class of 2028), who were selected to represent the Cumming School of Medicine's UME program this year!

Important Announcements and Upcoming Important Dates:

Class of 2026: The first half of Clerkship is wrapping up, and with it your CaRMs applications

Class of 2027: Congratulations on your new status as Senior Pre-clerks!

Class of 2028: With Unit 2 wrapping up soon, you are hopefully feeling confident in the rhythm of the program.