

BDIAP Bursary 2025

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I was delighted to be awarded a bursary to attend the 2025 Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-Up Study Days and would like to extend my gratitude to the membership of the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology.

As a histopathology trainee who had a somewhat disrupted start to training through the COVID 19 pandemic and taking maternity leave as an ST1, I was particularly looking forward to being able to network with fellow pathology trainees and consultants from across the UK.

At this point in my training, I have now gained a reasonable amount of experience in cut-up and had some exposure to molecular pathology. Therefore, I felt it would be a great time to attend these study days to deepen my understanding and pick up some pointers to improve my cut-up efficiency.

The Molecular Pathology Study Day provided a fantastic overview and was quite the whistle-stop tour of current practice with updates on research and upcoming advances.

The Approach to Cut-up Study Day provided invaluable practical guidance with insights from experts in the field. I particularly benefitted from the Upper GI presentations covering stomach and pancreas, of which I have limited experience and have found the orientation previously tricky. The step-by-step approach with annotated photographs was very useful and I will certainly feel much more confident cutting up these specimens in the future.

I thoroughly enjoyed both study days, learnt a great deal and it's fair to say they exceeded my expectations. I highly recommend them to anyone working in histopathology and particularly trainees midway through training who have likely had some experience in their day-to-day work, to solidify their knowledge and have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks again and just say that the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is quite impressive, the study days were very well organised and chaired with delicious food provided. I look forward to attending future BDIAP events.