



## ASHG/Charles J. Epstein Trainee Awards for Excellence in Human Genetics Research 2016 Recipients Announced

For outstanding trainee research in 2016, ASHG granted 60 awards of \$750 and complimentary meeting registration to [semifinalists](#), based on abstracts scored by members of the Program Committee. Of those semifinalists, 18 [finalists](#) received an additional \$250. The finalists' presentations were evaluated at the 2016 Annual Meeting, and six winners were selected to receive an additional \$1000.

Congratulations to the 2016 Epstein Trainee Award recipients!

### Predoctoral

**Besse Beryl Cummings**, Harvard Medical School

Abstract: [Improving genetic diagnosis in Mendelian disease with transcriptome sequencing](#)

**Kevin Galinsky**, Harvard School of Public Health

Abstract: [Population structure of UK Biobank and ancient Eurasians reveals adaptation at genes influencing blood pressure](#)

**Molly Gasperini**, University of Washington

Abstract: [Discovery and dissection of regulatory elements of the Mendelian disease gene \*HPRT1\* using programmed CRISPR/Cas9 guide pairs for multiplexed deletion scanning](#)

### Postdoctoral

**Filomena Pirozzi**, Case Western Reserve University

Abstract: [Unveiling microcephaly mechanisms associated with DNA repair disorders using induced pluripotent stem cells and cerebral organoids](#)

**Elizabeth K. Ruzzo**, University of California, Los Angeles

Abstract: [Identifying genetic ASD-risk factors in over 2,000 whole-genome sequenced familial samples](#)

**Ryan S. Tewhey**, Broad Institute

Abstract: [Direct identification of non-coding variants that modulate expression using high-throughput experimental assays](#)

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