

## Dr. David L. Epstein Award

This award honors David L. Epstein, MD, who is widely considered to be one of the most influential leaders in the world of glaucoma and glaucoma research over the past 40 years. The award is given annually to a well-established, senior investigator with a documented history of conducting eye and vision research in glaucoma and mentoring clinician-scientists to independent academic and research careers. The first award of \$100,000 was presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

### Past Recipients

- 2024 Yvonne Ou, MD  
Mentee: Tyson Kim, MD, PhD  
*Intravital imaging of microglia dynamics during synapse disassembly in glaucoma*
- 2023 Pradeep Y. Ramulu, MD, PhD  
Mentee: Jithin Yohannan, MD, MPH  
*Improving the Enrollment and Implementation of Glaucoma Neuroprotective Trials by Harnessing Deep Learning*
- Joshua Stein, MD  
Mentee: Lev Prasov, MD, MPH  
*Using Big Data and Familial Studies to Define Novel Glaucoma Genes*
- 2022 *No award recipients*
- 2021 Jamie Craig, MBBS  
Mentee: Owen Siggs, MD  
*Investigating the utility of polygenic risk scores to prevent blindness in primary open-angle glaucoma*
- 2020 Jeffrey Goldberg, MD, PhD  
Mentee: Julie Cho, MD, PhD  
Byers Eye Institute at Stanford University  
*Functional effects of therapeutics for neuroprotection and regeneration in a model of glaucoma*
- 2019 Harry A. Quigley, MD, FARVO  
Mentee: Thomas V. Johnson, MD, PhD  
Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
*Stem cell transplantation for RGC replacement and optic nerve regeneration*

- 2018 Janey Wiggs, MD, PhD, FARVO  
Mentee: Ryan Collantes, MD  
Harvard Medical School  
*Genetics of childhood glaucoma in the Philippines: genetic testing, gene discovery and implications for treatment*
- 2017 David Huang, MD, PhD, FARVO  
Mentee: Liang Liu, MD  
Oregon Health & Science University  
*Structural OCT and OCT angiography to diagnose and monitor glaucoma progression*
- 2016 Jonathan G. Crowston, MBBS, FRCOphth, FRANZCO, PhD  
Mentee: Peter van Wijngaarden, MD, PhD, FRANZCO  
University of Melbourne, Centre for Eye Research Australia  
*Energy supply in glaucoma: the role of oligodendrocyte-mediated lactate transport in maintaining the integrity of ganglion cell axons in the optic nerve*