



Quotes from some candidates' reports who received a BSG Education and Research travel bursary to attend the BSG LIVE'25 conference

I am incredibly grateful to the BSG for providing conference support. I am pleased to share that the bursary enabled me to attend the conference, which would have otherwise been challenging. As a Clinical Research Fellow, I am on a salary that would be less than what I would otherwise be earning in training, and I have attended other conferences this year for my research. **Trainee.**

By funding my travel and accommodation costs, BSG travel bursary directly enabled me to attend the conference and present my work as an oral presentation. Travel is not eligible for CPD funding within my NHS organisation and so the bursary ensured I was able to attend. **Nurse.**

Receiving the bursary was instrumental in enabling me to attend the BSG conference in Glasgow. It provided crucial financial support that covered the cost of registration, which would have otherwise been a significant barrier. Without this financial assistance, attending the conference would have been very difficult for me so I feel very grateful to have received it. **Undergraduate.**

I am currently out of program and do not have on calls which have significantly impacted my pay. As I do not have any study budget allowance, I would have only been able to attend one or two days if it wasn't for the bursary. **Trainee.**

The trainee sessions this year were fantastic and relevant to my own clinical practice. The tips & tricks for the general SPR on type 2 intestinal failure was fantastic and has given me an easy way to manage intestinal failure/home PN patients before specialist review. I also enjoyed the ERCP station at Endovillage and am hoping to continue with some ERCP training now. **Trainee.**

One of the most impactful parts of the conference was the flash poster presentations. These were concise, engaging, and allowed for interaction with presenters, giving valuable insight into current research and innovations in the field. The opportunity to ask questions and explore the thought processes behind the projects was especially beneficial in developing my academic curiosity and critical thinking. **Undergraduate.**

I learnt a lot on cytosponge and the outcomes of large trials for patients undergoing Barrett's screening. - I am keen to investigate this further for my department. I also refreshed knowledge on what to do for patients with resistant Helicobacter which I put in place the next week. **Trainee.**

Booking on the endo village was extremely beneficial, the trainers were fantastic, I was able to take away tips to improve my polypectomy technique, now having greater tip control. **Nurse.**

As someone who delivers clinical trials, it was brilliant to learn the results of recent studies but also see how new treatments were being implemented into clinical pathways and care. **Nurse**

Being able to pick up and practice endoscopy skills in a safe and supportive environment thus undoubtedly further enhanced my appreciation for the technicality required and was one of the most valuable takeaways for me. **Undergraduate.**



The IBD mimics session highlighted conditions that can resemble inflammatory bowel disease, helping to refine differential diagnoses and avoid misdiagnosis, something that's critical for ensuring patients receive the most appropriate treatment. **Trainee.**

The masterclasses in the first day were great as they really helped me see where we stand in terms of the developments made recently in gastroenterology and its various subspecialties. **Undergraduate.**

The holistic care in IBD was an excellent session covering research into wearable monitoring devices measuring IBD biomarkers in sweat. This session was a fantastic reminder of the incredible work ongoing in IBD research which has the power to radically change the lives of so many people. **Nurse.**

My overall experience of the BSG LIVE'25 conference was exceptional. I was truly amazed by the scale of the event and the energy it brought. It was inspiring to be surrounded by so many passionate professionals and to have the chance to engage with cutting-edge research and innovation within gastroenterology - a speciality I am very keen to pursue in my future career as a doctor. What stood out to me was the variety of sessions and activities available, catering to a wide range of interests and levels of experience. Whether it was academic presentations or professional clinical talks there was always something valuable to take away. The opportunity to meet and learn from leaders in the field, as well as connect with peers who share similar interests, was a real highlight. I left the conference feeling motivated, encouraged, and more excited than ever about a future in gastroenterology. I would love to return next year and continue building on what I have learned. **Undergraduate.**

What I enjoyed most was the chance to present in front of a large and engaged audience. It was both motivating and rewarding to discuss my work with experts and peers, and to see genuine interest in the topic. **Trainee.**

Excellent - the flash presentation was a great format. **Nurse.**

Overall, I found the conference informative, welcoming, exciting and energising. I have returned to my trust full of energy and ideas for future projects and ways to innovate and improve services for all our gastroenterology patients. **Nurse.**

The opportunity to celebrate the winners of the outstanding contribution to GI & Hepatology nursing award and hear their stories was enlightening. **Nurse**

I think my key learning point from attending BSG Live is that even as a medical student, there are many opportunities to get involved in the speciality and I left the conference feeling very inspired by this. Thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference, it was an incredibly valuable experience. **Undergraduate.**

I feel that I have been inspired regarding a future gastroenterological career and have learned a lot about the specialty. I met lots of supportive doctors in the field. **Undergraduate**