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

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*