





# **ACSI Spotlight**

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THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

#### Our Stars, Their Stories

Where passion meets purpose



MR GLASS GEORGE
FREDERICK JR
Senior Nurse Researcher, TTSH
PhD Student, LKCMedicine
FY25 CSF Awardee

George shares how ACSI's welcoming community empowers scientists and mentors at every stage to thrive, collaborate, and pursue new discoveries together.

As both a young scientist and mentor, I have found that insatiable curiosity is the language that unites us across all fields and career stages – The drive to find out and understand 'what is out there' beyond our current level of knowledge and understanding.

The astronomer Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, who discovered the composition of stars, captured this beautifully – "The reward of the young scientist is the emotional thrill of being the first person in the history of the world to see something or to understand something. Nothing can compare with that experience.... The reward of the old scientist is the sense of having seen a vague sketch grow into a masterly landscape."

This eloquent observation captures what I have both witnessed at LKCMedicine, amongst my mentors, peers and juniors at both TTSH Nursing Research and the TTSH and NHG research community, especially at the Academy. For those of us early in our careers, there is an electric energy pursuing new discoveries and testing bold ideas that 'nobody has done before'. And for our mentors and research leaders, there is the rewarding satisfaction in watching the validation and expansion of their frameworks through years of subsequent research.

Through the Academy, I've found genuine opportunities to connect with scientists across disciplines, such as crib-note swapping on how to best-navigate ethics applications. Above all, I realise that the Academy is a place where we can support each other through our endeavours. Whether you are a veteran researcher or just beginning on your own scientist journey, the Academy is an incredibly welcoming and nurturing place for all.



#### MS WINNIE CHOO

Principal Pharmacist, NSC FY20 CSPP Awardee

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Winnie recently was awarded the AHS Awards 2025 - Young Innovator Award. Let's hear from Ms Choo as she reflects on how this recognition has inspired her journey — and her words of encouragement for budding clinician innovators.

I am humbly honoured to receive the AHS Awards 2025 – Young Innovator Award for my behind-thescenes work in crafting commercially unavailable products and making them accessible at the National Skin Centre through pharmacy compounding.

I have had the privilege of working with esteemed dermatologists to share in their vision and work towards common goals, and these experiences have inspired me to think creatively and reach for the stars. Pharmacy compounding serves as personalised medicine for certain populations who would otherwise be denied access to specialised care.

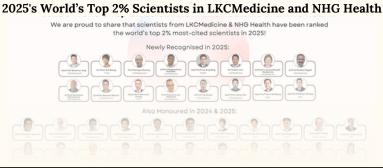
This journey is not without failures but the positive impact patient on care fuels job satisfaction and, in turn, promotes openmindedness to seize opportunities when they Innovation beyond extends development to encompass improvements in workflow, processes, technologies or devices that outcomes enhance patient and healthcare delivery.

It is through our collective collaboration and innovation that we can transform patient care and make meaningful differences in the lives of those we serve.

## Announcements Click on the posters for a larger version.

Congratulations to our NMRC Jan25 Award Winners! 2025's World's T







researchers and innovators at the AHS Awards 2025! Click the image to read the full event highlights.



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### ₩hat's Next?

Date	Event
Jan 2026	Engagement Session with Dr Jennifer Sargent
Feb 2026	ACSI Evening
Mar 2026	WH Research Day

and many more... Stay tuned!

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