Pharmacy students take top honors at UGA Research Day

Two College of Pharmacy students took top honors at the fifth annual University of Georgia Research Day. Both students participate in the College's Clinical and Therapeutics (CET) program in Augusta.

First place went to Islam Mohamed, a fourth-year master of science CET student in associate professor Azza El Remessy's lab. He presented his work as oral and poster presentations on the role of TXNIP in inducing inflammation in models of high fat diet.

Maha Abdalla, a fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy CET student working in associate professor Somanath Shenoy's lab, took third place; her poster presentation discussed the role of Akt in a model of pulmonary fibrosis.

This year's Research Day had 91 presentations. Twelve were presented by CET students from the College's Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy (CAP), which was recognized for having the most participation.

UGA's Graduate Students and Postdocs in Science (GSPS) sponsored the event, with Dr. David E. Clapham, HHMI Professor of Neurobiology, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School as keynote speaker. Graduate students and postdocs submitted abstracts to present their research as an oral talk or a poster presentation with cash prizes for the winners.