

# Scott Wilkes lecture 2026

**Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> 5pm – 7pm Murray Lecture Theatre, City Campus**

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**Students should submit a 300 word written abstract of their 10 minute mini-lecture / presentation which explores advances in medical education or research with a focus upon those disadvantaged in society.**

**Winner of the lecture competition to receive £1000; 2<sup>nd</sup> place £500; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place £250 prize and commemorative certificates. The competition is open to all undergraduates enrolled in the school of medicine.**

Professor Scott Wilkes served as the founding head of school from 2018 -2026. He led the bid in 2016 to secure HEFCE commissioned medical student places. The first medical students started in September 2019 and graduated at the Stadium of Light in summer 2024. The school was founded on the values of:

**‘Making medicine accessible to talented students who lacked the opportunity to study medicine’**

and

**‘To graduate socially responsible doctors who meet the needs of society and improve lives’**

Professor Wilkes lived those values and championed generalism in the original medical curriculum.



In the first two years of full operation the school was ranked No1 on the National student survey for academic tutor support in consecutive years and was sector leading in many metrics nationally including widening participation, state school entrants, ethnic minorities, and local recruitment.

A panel of judges will determine the top 3 abstracts for oral presentation. The successful applicants will be invited to deliver a 10-minute presentation on the night. A panel of judges will determine the winner on the night. The event will start with a 10-minute keynote address and culminate in the prize giving.

5pm: Drinks and refreshments reception, Medical School, Murray Health  
6pm: Lectures start

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**Deadline for entry: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Entries to [CatoMS@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:CatoMS@sunderland.ac.uk)**



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