



# CONFERENCES

## Jack Fowler Award



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### *What does this award mean to you?*

This award is very special to me. Right now, while I am in the final year of my PhD, Covid-19 has negatively affected my research and networking activity. I could not present at two conferences in 2020 and I was thinking that I would not have another opportunity until I had finished my PhD. However, being able to present an oral presentation at ESTRO 2021, live in Madrid, and subsequently receiving the Jack Fowler award has motivated me to keep going and has taught me to never give up trying.

### *To whom would you like to dedicate your award?*

I would like to dedicate it to my parents, who put me on the right track and got me interested in science and engineering.

### *What have been the highlights of your career?*

I would like to think that most of them are still ahead, but, to date, getting the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant to start my PhD at Maastricht University was a very special moment. Later on, I was also pleased to receive the best presentation award at the 2019 Maastricht University Medical Centre+ (MUMC+) research day and, of course, now the 2021 Jack Fowler award from the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO).

### *What is your next challenge?*

I see my next challenge as turning research solutions into real clinical applications. I have already started working on this through the successful acquisition of a patent and European certification (CE) mark for one of my projects, but there is still a long way to go.

### *What started your interest in science?*

Technology and computers. Ever since I can remember I have been fascinated by electronics.

## ***What do you do in your spare time?***

In the course of my PhD there has not been much spare time, but generally I am obsessed with engineering and making things with my hands. I love to program microelectronics, from smart home gadgets to drones, write algorithms for automating things, and simply ride my motorcycle.

