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Inter-galactic imagery dominated the FAD (Fashion Awareness Direct) awards organised by Vauxhall Fashion Scout during London Fashion Week.

Ana Belen Mereño, from Nottingham Trent University, took first prize, with a 'Cosmic Cloud' dress, in armour-inspired layers, and a structured jacket in a digital Op-Art print.

Felicity Baggett, also of Nottingham Trent, was one of the two runners-up, with menswear, inspired by spacesuits and featuring planetary patterns. The second runner-up was Camilla Kennedy, of Birmingham City University.



Space age: Winner Ana Belen Mereño, from Nottingham Trent University, shows off her designs during the Vauxhall Fashion Scout award ceremony at LFW

Mereño was the unanimous choice of the judging panel, which included Esther Lutman, curator of The Space Age exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum, and Jeremy Curtis, of the British Natural Space Centre.

She receives £2,000 and a work placement with the designer, Paul Costelloe. Baggett and Kennedy receive £1,000 each and work placements with Margaret Howell and Religion, respectively.