

SRF travel report- Joanna Gould

The travel grant was incredibly beneficial to my attendance at the world congress for reproductive biology (WCRB) in Edinburgh. Without the grant I would have been unable to attend the conference, as I do not have travel money in my PhD grant. I was incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to do an oral presentation at the WCRB, which has been very valuable to my PhD research. The talk was an incredible experience to display our research to a worldwide audience. I also received a number of questions and feedback on the talk from senior members of the reproduction community, which has helped me shape my PhD project and have new aspects to consider in my research. We also have spoken to a number of groups on different techniques at the conference that will hopefully collaborate with us in the future. As my project is both neuroscience and reproductive biology the travel grant allowed me to go to a conference where I could present my work to a mainly reproductive audience therefore and was an interesting experience to present my work to a new audience who are not neuroscience specialist.

At the WCRB there was also an SRF postgraduate symposium, which I found very helpful, as I will start planning my career more effectively. I also went to a number of talks and saw many posters and learnt a lot about the current research globally. Thank you to the SRF for the travel grant it was an educational experience.