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### Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2015

I would like to thank the SRF for supporting my attendance at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Reproductive Investigation in San Francisco, CA, USA.

At the SRI meeting this year I was invited to speak about my work at the satellite symposium; a key part of the meeting in which leaders in the field discuss the latest advances in endometrial research. I presented a 30 minute talk entitled '*Think global, act local: Regulation of the endometrial microenvironment in reproductive health and disease*' in which I described our latest results on the novel role of local hormone production and action in the regulation of endometrial function. My talk was very well attended and I benefitted from presenting my work to a targeted audience. The question and answer session that followed my talk was very useful for gaining critical feedback and carried on into the coffee break that followed. This led to several networking opportunities with new colleagues and I have established contact with a number of people I met in the session.

The meeting also included a number of talks describing the latest techniques which has helped me to develop ideas for my future research. The meeting also provided an excellent forum to meet and network with senior investigators. This session was particularly beneficial to me as I was able to arrange a visit to give a seminar at the Robinson Institute in Adelaide, Australia.

The SRI meeting allowed me to further develop my career and was an excellent opportunity for me to raise my profile. I am very grateful to the SRF for its generous support.

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