

SRF Travel Grant for attendance at the Society of the Study of Reproduction Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2015

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Dear SRF,

I am writing to share my positive experiences from attending the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) Meeting in Puerto Rico in June 2015, made possible by receipt a SRF Travel grant. SSR is the biggest Reproductive Biology Meeting in North America, thus providing with a unique opportunity to not only showcase my novel research findings, but also to engage in intellectually-stimulating scientific discussions with eminent scientists in the field. Excitingly, I received a variety of questions, comments and novel ideas following my presentation, which have formed the basis of new experiments I am now working on to further this research. This is very rewarding experience not only for advancing my project, but also for changing my way of thinking when I to do science. In addition, I was able to talk with several senior SSR members regarding career development, which has helped my decision making as I plan the next stage of my career.

The experiences, comments, ideas that I have received during SSR definitely improved my research project and both my personal and professional development as a scientist-in-training. I am deeply appreciative to SRF for awarding me this Travel Grant to provide me with this rewarding experience.

Warm regards,

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