

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2016

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Conference: 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Reproduction

I would like to thank SRF for awarding me a travel grant to support my attendance at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) in San Diego, USA in July 2016. I presented work from my PhD project during one of the focus sessions (Gametogenesis *In Vivo* and *In vitro*). My talk was well attended and received positive feedback and instigated valuable discussion around the topic area.

I thoroughly enjoyed the SSR meeting, it was a great opportunity to meet and discuss scientific interests with fellow trainees and senior investigators from all around the world, which will be very useful for my ongoing research. The conference provided a wonderful scientific program which not only enhanced but broadened my knowledge of the field of reproductive biology.

The annual meeting of SSR has a real focus on trainees and hosted a wonderful trainee program, which I was fortunate to participate in. Trainee sessions included a forum on 'Communicating Science to Enhance your Career', which covered public engagement and the use of social media in sharing scientific research. These sessions were very useful, particularly in highlighting the role of social media as a tool not only to share your research with a wider community but to use it to enhance your scientific career. I also attended a trainee-mentor luncheon, which provoked useful discussion about career prospects and progression.

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