

SRF Travel Grant Report: Joanna Gould

21st Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Developmental
Neurosciences. 11-14th May 2016 Antibes France.

Thanks to the kind support of SRF, I was able to attend the International Society for Developmental Neurosciences (ISDN). I meeting in France. This was a large international meeting that only happens ever two years, I presented my poster entitled 'Maternal protein restriction around conception reduces the neural stem cells during mouse fetal brain development and alters neuronal differentiation during gestation.'

This meeting was incredibly useful to shaping the direction of my PhD. I was able to discuss my results with many researchers that I would not have the opportunity to meet at UK meetings. Due to this being a broad meeting there were many research groups in attendance whose work focussed on similar aspects of the developmental brain to my own project and I was able to discuss multiple specific scientific techniques and how to improve them.

There were many sessions I found especially useful such as new findings on characterising neural progenitors, which was highly relevant to my project. As my work, is focussed on changes in neural progenitors and stem cells during foetal development and made me think of more markers I could used to investigate our changes further.

As part of this conference, there was also session on how to publish for PhD students and early career researchers, which I found particularly useful as we are currently drafting my first publication. Thanks to the SRF travel grant, I was able to begin my next set of experiments with confidence and excited that other people found our research interesting.

