

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2017

Recipient: Reyna S Penailillo Escarate

Position: Postgraduate Research Student

Conference attended: DOHaD 2017, 10th World Congress on Developmental origins of health and disease. Rotterdam, the Netherlands, October 15-18th, 2017.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Society's Education & Engagement Committee and SRF for awarding me the SRF travel grant to assist and present in the 10th World Congress on Developmental origins of health and disease, DOHaD 2017.

DOHaD is important international society, which promotes research into the foetal and developmental origins of disease. DOHaD conferences are every two years, and involves scientist from several backgrounds. My work is related to the effect of folic acid supplementation during early life on reproduction health. In particular I have been investigating the effect of folic acid on ovarian function and embryogenesis. I am in the final year of my PhD and have generated a large amount of exciting data showing that folic acid supplementation has very distinct effects on ovarian function depending upon the time of supplementation.

I was selected to present an 8-minutes oral presentation on the second day of the conference. Attending at the DOHaD conference allowed me to present my work to others in the field, learn about new techniques and so much more about early origins of disease. This meeting was also an incredible opportunity to meet other scientists both PhD students like myself and more established scientists and discuss how to progress my research further and career options after the completion of my PhD. I am very grateful to the SRF for gave me such an opportunity to enhance my research, CV and career opportunities.

Kind regards,

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