

Society of Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2017

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I would like to express my gratitude to the SRF for the financial support provided to attend the ASCB/EMBO Annual Meeting 2017. The ASCB/EMBO Annual Meeting is one of the biggest Cell Biology conferences and covers extremely important up to date research in the field. Since my PhD project is mostly related to both Reproductive and Cell Biology, attending the ASCB provided me an invaluable opportunity to improve my current knowledge. The most important topics for my studies were the seminars about mitosis, which covered the molecular machineries utilized by the cell during the progression of mitosis, the mitotic checkpoint, its components and functions, as well as the sections about the molecular machineries responsible for cytokinesis and the motor proteins that play a role in microtubule nucleation and spindle assembly. Furthermore, I was able to learn about novel state-of-the-art technologies that could be applicable to my research project. On top of the scientific knowledge acquired, I was also able to gain insight into career options and strategies to develop myself as a researcher. Moreover, my abstract was selected for a poster presentation and this was a great opportunity to expand my network by sharing my current data, which allowed me to discuss and have excellent feedback from renowned scientists from all over the world. With this in mind, the Travel Grant provided by the SRF provided the support necessary for me to develop myself as a researcher.