**Society of Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant report**

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**Position:** MSc Student at University College London

**Conference:** 2nd UK Fertility Preservation Conference, 14th September 2018, University of Oxford, UK.

I would like to thank the Society of Reproduction and Fertility for their contribution towards my attendance at the 2nd UK Fertility Preservation Conference held at University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. This conference gathered experts in my field focusing on recent advances in fertility preservation for both males and females with malignant and non-malignant conditions.

There were many excellent speakers at the conference who gave extremely interesting and engaging talks which informed me of new areas of research within this topic. I was particularly interested in the talk ‘Susceptibility of primordial follicles to chemotherapy’ by Professor Karla Hutt, Monash University Australia. This talk in particular was very relevant to my area of research area indicating the importance of developing an effective method of fertility preservation for these individuals receiving gonadotoxic treatment.

At the conference I presented a poster entitled ‘The use of vascular endothelial growth factor in tissue culture to enhance vascularisation of cryopreserved ovarian tissue’. This research was a collaborative project with University College London during my MSc in Reproductive Science and Women’s Health. The Fertility Preservation Conference was an ideal forum for the presentation of new data and discussion of research findings with individuals from research centres and clinics worldwide.

This conference was a great opportunity to network with leaders in my field and develop my contacts. I would highly recommend this conference to anyone within the field of fertility preservation and I hope to attend many more conferences relating to this area of interest. Finally, I would like to thank the SRF again for their generous financial support which allowed me to attend this conference and develop my interest in this field of research.