

SRF travel grant report

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I would like to say a very big thank you to SRF for giving me a travel grant to enable me attend SSR 2019, San Jose, California. I am glad I was able to attend this a very big conference that brought together specialists in reproductive biology, which is my area of research interest.

Attending this conference enabled me the opportunity to attend various scientific sessions, which are very relevant to my current research field. These sessions were very enlightening and sparked so many ideas of things I could do and ways in which I can improve scientifically. Some of the other sessions, which were career based, helped me to discover and think of areas, which I could apply my science and skills that I need to have to make me stand out as a researcher.

Furthermore, I presented a poster titled: 'microRNAs and their diverse roles in ovarian function'. I got so many people (renowned scientists in my field) stop by my poster and they gave me very helpful feedback and suggestions for my future experiments. I also networked with other PhD students and Post Docs doing work related to mine. It was very nice to talk to them (since they are more experienced) to get a few tips on how to be more efficient as a PhD student.

Overall, attending this conference gave me the much-needed boost I needed for the remaining time I have left studying for my PhD and I am so grateful that SRF made this possible for me.