

**Travel grant report**  
**SSR 52<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting**  
**July 17-21 2019**

I recently attended the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for the Study of Reproduction* (SSR) in San Jose California thanks to the support of the *Society for Reproduction and Fertility* (SRF). This 3-day meeting was an amazing experience for networking and discovering breakthroughs and advances in the reproduction fields. This meeting was also a great opportunity for me to promote the work I accomplished in the lab, since my abstract was chosen for a 15-minute talk to present my research project on early prenatal alcohol exposure and epigenetic dysregulations. This was my first oral presentation in an international meeting and a great opportunity to apply my scientific communication abilities. I also benefited from the visibility provided by my oral presentation, by meeting and having great discussions with some outstanding researchers in the reproduction field who came to see me after my presentation. Those discussions were a huge impulse for my research project by suggesting new techniques or hypotheses to investigate.

The support of the SRF by awarding me a travel grant to attend the meeting was a huge help. International meetings are expensive but very important for my career as a young researcher. By providing financial help, the SRF permitted me to gain knowledge on new scientific advances as well as extend my scientific network outside Canada. This is particularly important for the continuation of my scientific career by opening further training or position opportunities.

My attendance at the 2019 SSR annual meeting was overall an amazing experience for my young career and I gained many scientific and communicative skills in addition to an enhanced scientific network.

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