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**Conference Attended:** The 19<sup>th</sup> International Hypoxia Symposium, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, Location: Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada.

Thanks to the College of Medicine and Health Doctoral Student Travel Bursary, I was fortunate enough to attend the International Hypoxia Symposium in Canada, a biennial conferencing focusing on the biological effects of hypoxia in both health and disease.

This was a particularly important conference for me to attend given that my own research is aimed at examining the effects of hypoxia on the respiratory muscles, and this conference brings together some of the top researchers in hypoxia internationally.

Presenting my research during the first of two poster sessions was a particular highlight for me. The poster sessions at this conference, in particular, created a highly interactive environment in which my poster received a lot of interest. I was able to discuss my research with many other delegates, allowing me to receive excellent feedback from some of the leading researchers in my field, helping to stimulate new questions and new ideas for future work.