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I am very grateful to have received the College of Medicine & Health bursary which allowed me to attend the 23rd annual PNIRS meeting in Brighton. PNIRS is the largest gathering of world renowned researchers in the field of psychoneuroimmunology.

This field focuses on the connection between brain health and immune function. While at this conference I was able to attend talks and discussions on the advancements in our understanding of how our immune system can impact upon our brain health. I was also able to present our research and received very positive feedback and advice particularly in planning my future studies in assessing how immune function regulates hippocampal neurogenesis.

To have attended this conference has greatly advanced my understanding of the field and allowed me to meet with key researchers and discuss with them both their research and my own. I wish to thank the College of Medicine & Health again for affording me this opportunity.