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Thanks to the College of Medicine and Health doctoral student travel bursary, I was able to attend the Society for Reproductive Investigation (SRI) conference in San Francisco. This is a large conference of over 1,000 attendees, which draws researchers from all fields investigating reproductive and women's health. I gained experience presenting both with a poster and an oral presentation. As this was the first time I have presented a poster, I was glad to be able to receive feedback from researchers in a variety of fields, including basic scientists and clinicians in addition to other epidemiologists. This was a benefit to presenting orally as well, as I have previously presented for other epidemiologists, but this is the first time I have presented for clinicians. They asked very different questions and had a unique take on my methods and results, which I found to be very interesting and helpful. I also enjoyed looking at posters or presentations from researchers in other fields to better understand how they might have approached research questions similar to what I have investigated, but using very different methods. These experiences have helped me view my own research from a different perspective, and I feel I understand not only other research, but also my work in a more complete way.

Thanks again for this travel bursary and the wonderful opportunity it provided me with.