



R2 Summary: American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual meeting 2025, Chicago, April 25-30, 2025

I want to use this opportunity to thank the Graduate Interdisciplinary Program Administration Office and the GIDP Advisory Council (GIDPAC) for giving me the Herbert E. Carter Travel Award, which I used for the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual meeting 2025, Chicago, April 25-30, 2025.

This year's AACR Conference was one of the most eagerly anticipated learning opportunities accessible to me as a doctorate student in Cancer Biology programs with

a specialty in cellular and molecular gastroenterology. I had never attended before. My attendance at the AACR 2025 gave me a significant opportunity to present my proposed study, and I also received insightful criticism that I know will improve the effect of my research before publication. The conference encouraged networking and collaboration among attendees as well as an open exchange of thoughts and cutting-edge technologies, both of which strengthened my research methods and career goals.

Importantly, as a PhD candidate aiming for a career in cellular and molecular gastroenterology research, my presence at the conference was in line with my professional development. Participating in the AACR Conference gave me a lot of networking chances and professional development sessions, which helped me advance my career. My long-term professional goals include autonomous research as a primary investigator in the field of gastrointestinal disease, and these experiences have helped me get there.

To future trainees who are interested in the funded event, I would advise starting early to look for events that will advance their careers. If you discover one, begin submitting funding applications early and make sure your plan stays within your budget.

Thanks again,

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