

## **AMP 2019 International Trainee Travel Award - Elan Hahn**

The immense generosity of the Association for Molecular Pathology allowed me to attend the AMP 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo in Baltimore and present a case study in genetics. This was my first time attending the AMP annual meeting and it was an eye-opening and unique educational experience. I gained an appreciation for the breadth of Molecular Pathology and its necessarily interdisciplinary nature.

I enjoyed attending lectures, observing posters, walking around the exhibit hall, speaking with other attendees, and presenting. The lectures were both practical and cutting edge, ranging from unexpected results in prenatal screening to CRISPR off-target effect detection. I particularly enjoyed the thought-provoking lecture about the modern state of ethnic carrier testing. Overall, the learning was world class, with an abundance of timely, high-yield sessions, instructed by world-experts. The scientific discoveries, whether at the poster displays, lectures, or exhibit hall were a source of inspiration for future reading and research. The meeting was very warm, with ample networking opportunities and meaningful conversations. It was great speaking with so many peers and mentors about research, professional development, and education. Presenting to an audience of experts in the field was a great learning opportunity, exposing me to a variety of view-points and practical approaches.

As someone interested in a career in Molecular Pathology, attending the AMP 2019 Annual Meeting and Expo was an amazing experience. I cannot recommend it more highly to other trainees. I am very grateful to AMP for affording me this opportunity and I will definitely be back next year!

Sincerely,

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