

Dear Travel Grant Committee:

Thank you so much for providing me the ARVO Foundation for Eye Research/Retina Research Foundation/Joseph M and Eula C. Lawrence Travel Grant to attend this year's ARVO meeting. This was my first ARVO meeting, but hopefully one of the many ARVO meetings to come.

I am a medical student doing a Doris Duke Clinical Research year at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons this year. I will be returning to my last and final year of medical school soon, but the experience at ARVO was invaluable. I learned a lot by talking to other researchers, and I was able to meet doctors and researchers around the world who had published in my area of focus, age-related macular degeneration. Meeting the legends felt quite inspiring at my stage of training. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to attend such a great event!