**Travel and Conference Bursary to attend the 12th Joint Meeting of the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology and the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland 2019 in Harrogate**

Firstly, I would like to thank the Pathological Society for awarding me this grant to allow me to attend the Leeds Pathology Conference held between the 2nd and 4th of July 2019 in Harrogate.

I attended the final day of this conference, giving a presentation on Endocarditis and Sudden Cardiac Death in the Pulmonary Pathology morning session. As a biomedical scientist working as a technician in the CRY Cardiovascular Pathology laboratory at St. George’s University of London, I was honoured to be able to present my research to such an esteemed group of pathologists. This was my first presentation at a national conference, and as a technician presenting to a group of pathologists about cardiovascular pathology in a pulmonary pathology session, this was definitely a difficult task. However, I was thrilled to be able to showcase our work on the interesting topic and I hope that I was able to educate the audience about the importance and pathological findings associated with the disease.

In the afternoon I very much enjoyed attending the Digital Pathology session and learning about the future of pathology with incoming technology. The highlight of this session for me was listening to the work presented by Dr. Kathryn Griffin, a co-author on my endocarditis work and a collaborator with our department, talk about how she is using 3D imaging to assess vascular structures.

Overall, the conference centre was an excellent venue and the event was organised very effectively to allow for ample space and opportunity in which to network with other attendees. Additionally, Harrogate was charming with many restaurants and bars to explore.

