

In May, I attended the American Association for Immunologists (AAI) Conference in Portland, Oregon. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the need for quality immunology research and collaboration, and the AAI annual meeting allowed for just that. I have been a member of the AAI for three years and have previously taken part in their Advanced Immunology Course, which helped me tremendously to prepare for my qualifying exam. I was very excited to be able to continue interacting with AAI members by attending an in-person meeting. I was able to go to many talks by leaders in the field. I mostly attended cancer immunology sessions, but I also had the opportunity to learn about research outside of my specific field. I interacted with many PIs and peers from both the URMC and around the world. I also attended networking events,