

GWIS Travel Award: 48th Annual Herpesvirus Workshop in Portland, Oregon

I recently had the privilege of attending the 48th Annual International Herpesvirus Workshop in Portland, Oregon. While at the conference, I had the opportunity to give an oral presentation on high-throughput screening identifies EGLN-family prolyl hydroxylases as important determinants of HCMX. This was an incredibly valuable experience for the growth of my project, as well as my growth in the field of herpesvirology. I was able to interact with multiple leading experts in the field, who gave me suggestions for future experiments and how to improve the presentation of my current results. One interaction was with Dr. Michael Weekes from the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research. Dr. Weekes is a prominent member of the HCMV field and has done countless research into the host-microbe interaction. His work is commonly referenced in the Munger lab. Being able to talk with him following my presentation was