

Personal Statement – Ashley G. Rivenbark, PhD
ICPI Trainee Travel Award 2011

The trainee travel award from ICPI was extremely beneficial for many reasons. First, it allowed me to attend the ASIP annual meeting at Experimental Biology 2011 in Washington, DC. I had the opportunity to give an oral presentation on my work related to epigenetic mechanisms of breast cancer in the “Molecular Pathobiology of Breast Cancer” Minisymposium. This was a great experience because I received some good comments and questions, which will help me with future experiments. Second, I co-chaired two sessions. One session was the “Career Development Workshop and Breakfast: Transition to Principal Investigator” sponsored by the Committee for Career Development, Women, and Minorities, where I had the wonderful opportunity to introduce and interact with four great speakers, and many attendees. I also was involved in chairing the “Breast Cancer Scientific Interest Group Networking and Poster Session” and the “Breast Cancer Workshop: Breast Cancer Stem Cells”. All of these experiences combined enabled me to network with an audience focused on the pathogenesis of disease and specifically breast cancer, which in turn allows the advancement of my training, research, and overall, my career. Thank you ICPI for the trainee travel award 2011.