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ICPI Board Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest gratitude for the ICPI Trainee Travel Award. This award allowed me to attend the 2013 Experimental Biology meeting in Boston, MA. It proved to be a tremendous experience; one that I will carry with me as I move forward in my own career.

I am currently in my fifth year of graduate research in the Department of Pathology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. As an M.D./Ph.D candidate in Northwestern's Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), I was extremely interested in attending this meeting as it brings together some of the most dynamic societies in translational research from a diverse range of fields. I had the chance to interact with the top minds in pathology, my area of interest, as well as share my thesis work in the form of one oral and two poster presentations. I also connected with a Northwestern MSTP alumnus who gave me encouragement and much appreciated insight into the overall trajectory of the physician-scientist in today's scientific climate. These conversations served to invigorate my interest in the medicine-research interface while expanding my perspective regarding my own research. The feedback and support was invaluable and has strengthened my determination to continue along this path.

It is an honor to be a recipient of this award, and I thank ICPI for its continued commitment to facilitating experiences such as mine.

Sincerely,

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