

TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

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Attending a scientific conference in person after two years of joining meetings online was quite an exciting and long-awaited moment for me. Thanks to the SSM's financial support, I was able to participate in the American Society of Virology (ASV) 2022 annual meeting, held in Madison, WI, USA, from 15th to 20th July 2022.

With more than 1600 participants, ASV2022 was the biggest conference in virology I have attended to date. At this conference, I was immersed in learning about the most recent discoveries and advances in the field of virology, especially regarding the causative agent of COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2. I had the chance to give an oral presentation about my research project on investigating the innate immune response of bats' respiratory tract to influenza virus infection, through which I received helpful feedback and discussions from the audience. Furthermore, it allowed me to meet and interact with the world's leading scientists in the field of virology.



Presentation of my project results titled "Investigating the innate immune response of bat airway epithelium during influenza virus infection".



Group selfie of the members of the experimental virology group (led by PD. Dr. Ronald Dijkman) who are also attending the ASV 2022.