Thanks to the SSM travel grant I was able to attend the annual workshop on staphylococcal genetics and metabolism in Nebraska. The workshop allowed 13 participants and offered a great opportunity to network with other young scientists working in the same field. Within the one week course we learned how to apply common genetic manipulation tools to *S. aureus*. In particular the course covered restriction cloning, Gibson assembly, phage transfection, CRISPR-Cas9 and how *S. aureus* metabolism is influenced by nutrient availability. The workshop consisted of both, lectures and lab courses.

I was able to orally present my current PhD project on staphylococcal enterotoxin C production on a single cell level and received very helpful feedback on the project.

After the workshop I was contacted by the organizers in order to give my opinion on the experience. My quote can be seen [here](https://www.unmc.edu/pathology/csr/news/esg-workshop.html).

Participants and Organizers of the workshop. Danai Etter: 3rd from the right in the second row.