



AWARDEE REPORT FORM

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UNIVERSITY	Royal College Of Surgeons in Ireland
NAME OF AWARD	Barclay Smith Award
PURPOSE OF AWARD <i>conference/event attended/organised (full name) with city and dates.</i>	
The Society's Summer Meeting, University of Bristol, Bristol, 15th to 17th July 2026	
REPORT: What were your anticipated benefits? <i>Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.</i>	
The main benefit I anticipated from receiving the Travel Award was the opportunity to attend the Anatomical Society Summer Meeting and learn from experienced researchers, academics, and other students. I saw the meeting as a good opportunity to expand my knowledge of anatomy beyond what I normally learn in medical school and to understand how anatomical research can be applied in clinical practice. As a medical student and future physician, I expected the meeting to improve my understanding of anatomy and help me relate anatomical knowledge to the diagnosis and treatment of patients. I was also interested in learning about different areas of anatomy, including both human and veterinary anatomy. I wanted to understand how research in these areas can be connected and how knowledge from one field may help improve research and outcomes in the other. Another important benefit was the opportunity to present our research, which was funded by the Anatomical Society. Presenting our work at the meeting would allow me to share our findings with people working in the field, receive useful feedback, and learn from their experience. I also expected this experience to improve my confidence in presenting scientific research and communicating our findings to a wider audience.	

COMMENTS: Describe your experience at the conference / lab visit / course / seminar/ event.

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The conference was a great experience and I enjoyed the variety of activities throughout the meeting. One of the best parts was being surrounded by people who were interested in anatomy but worked in very different areas. I had several conversations with students, researchers, and academics during the sessions and breaks. These interactions made the conference feel welcoming and gave me the chance to make new connections in a more informal setting.

I especially enjoyed the seminars by Professor John Morris and Professor Sorrel Langley-Hobbs. Professor Morris's talk, "An Unexpected Life in Medical Science and Education," was interesting because he shared his journey and experiences throughout his career in anatomy, research, and education. Professor Langley Hobbs's talk on "Osteopetrosis in the Cat" was also very interesting. It was different from the topics I usually encounter in medical school and gave me a chance to see anatomy and disease from a veterinary perspective.

The poster presentation session was another highlight of the conference. I enjoyed walking through the posters, exploring the different projects, and speaking with presenters about their research. There was a wide range of topics and research methods, which made the session particularly interesting.

Overall, I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the conference. The combination of seminars, poster sessions, and conversations with other attendees made it an engaging experience and one that I was very glad to be part of.

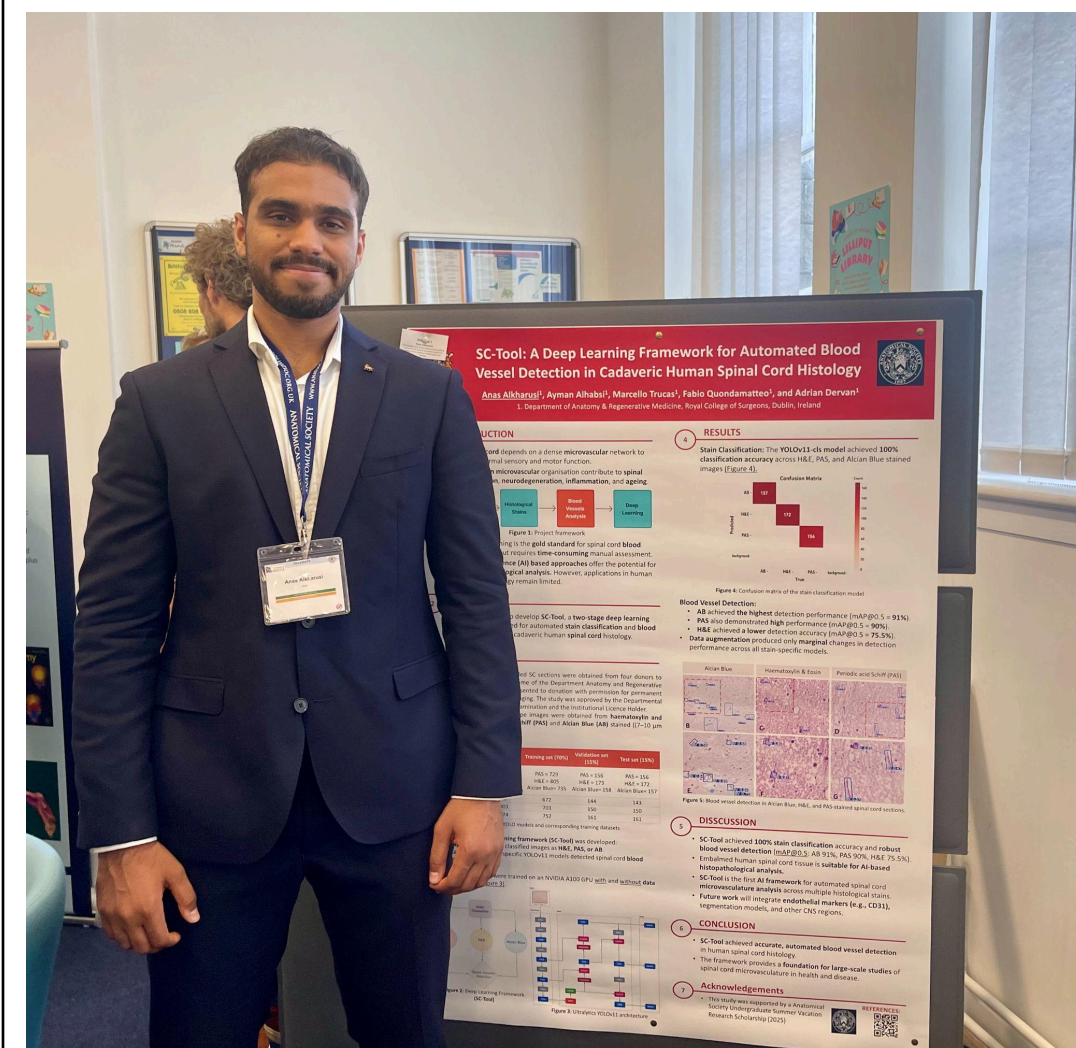
REPORT: In relation to skills, what were the most important things you gained? *(does not apply to equipment grant. For public engagement/outreach awards what did your audience gain and how did you evaluate success?)*

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The most important skills I gained from attending the conference were related to scientific communication, networking, and presenting research. Presenting our work gave me the chance to practise explaining our project clearly to people with different levels of knowledge about the topic. I learned that presenting research is not only about knowing the details of the project, but also about being able to explain the main idea and its importance in a simple and understandable way.

I also improved my communication and networking skills. Speaking with researchers, academics, and other students helped me become more comfortable starting conversations, asking questions, and discussing research. I found that informal conversations during the conference were very useful for exchanging ideas and hearing different opinions and experiences.

The poster sessions also helped me develop my ability to quickly understand and evaluate research outside my own area. Looking at different posters encouraged me to identify the main research question, understand the methods used, and focus on the most important findings. Speaking directly with presenters also allowed me to ask questions when something was unclear or particularly interesting.



REPORT: How do you think you will put this learning experience into practice in the future? For public engagement/outreach awards how with the materials/knowledge generated by this activity be used in the future?

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I think this experience will be useful in both my future research and my development as a medical student. One of the main things I will take forward is the importance of communicating research clearly. In future presentations, conferences, and research projects, I will try to focus more on explaining the main message of my work in a way that is easy to understand, especially when speaking to people who may not be familiar with the topic.

The conference also encouraged me to be more open to areas of research outside my usual interests. Seeing projects from different fields, including both human and veterinary anatomy, showed me that useful ideas can come from areas that may initially seem unrelated. In future projects, I would like to keep this wider perspective and consider how methods or findings from other fields could be applied to my own research.

I also plan to continue building the connections I made during the meeting. Speaking with researchers and other students showed me the value of sharing ideas and learning from people at different stages of their

careers. I hope to attend more scientific meetings in the future and become more involved in the research community.

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