

JDRF PhD Top-up Scholarship

We asked the following past recipients what it meant to them to receive this scholarship.

Kylie Deng

Perhaps the most significant way that the JDRF PhD Top-Up Scholarship has helped me in my type 1 diabetes (T1D) research journey has been by providing the supplementary funds that have allowed me to attend numerous scientific conferences both within Australia as well as around the world. Using funds from this scholarship, I have been able to present my research at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) Annual meeting (Stockholm, Sweden 2022) and the Australasian Diabetes Congress (Brisbane, Australia 2022), and will also be travelling to the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Annual Meeting (Seattle, United States 2023) in a week's time. These experiences have been immensely valuable to my research journey thus far, allowing me to receive feedback on my research from scientists and clinicians of differing areas of T1D/cell biology expertise, so that I am able to learn, apply and improve my current experimental methods. While my research has been largely focused on pursuing T1D from a β -cell biology perspective, these meetings have also helped me build on my broader knowledge around T1D from a whole body/clinical perspective.



I love cell biology and I love learning! This JDRF PhD Top-Up Scholarship has been of significant help to me in pursuing both of these areas.

Atharva Kale

I applied for a JDRF Top-Up scholarship to help support my studies and career progression in the field of type 1 diabetes research. This additional funding from JDRF has allowed me to focus and commit myself entirely to my research, as it is a full-time study, as well as to attend and present my lab work to other researchers at various national and international conferences.

I am grateful to JDRF for providing me with this award.

