

I attended the Gordon Research Conference in Viruses and Cells on May 18-23rd, 2025, in Barcelona, Spain. I was chosen to give an oral presentation on my submitted abstract titled “Cellular Antibody Affinity-based CRISPR Screening Identifies JUNB as an Anti-Viral Factor”. Although my work focuses on Human Cytomegalovirus (HCMV), the conference featured a variety of viruses ranging from the common Influenza and HIV to the more understudied Delta Viruses, which I learned about at this conference. This was an excellent opportunity to expand my knowledge in the field of virology and meet with experts in the field. In addition to senior scientists, I had the opportunity to meet junior scientists in my cohort from around the globe. I immensely enjoyed meeting others at my career stage, as it allowed us to bounce ideas off each other and talk about our next steps in a jovial and low stakes manner. Overall, I am grateful to GWIS for supporting my attendance at the GRC and allowing me to expand both my professional network and my general knowledge in virology.