

NRS Travel Grant Report - Carli Koster; ISNI 2025

The NRS Young Investigator Travel Grant enabled me to visit the 17th International Congress of Neuroimmunology – ISNI 2025 in Chiba, Japan. My abstract, titled '*Mast cell–sensory neuron interactions drive neuroplasticity in a human in vitro asthma model*' was accepted for an oral presentation. For this conference oral presentations were done in a, for me, novel format named Pecha Kucha. Allowing presenters to show their work in 20 slides, allowing 20 seconds of speaking time per slide. This took a bit of adjustment, but overall the presentation went great and the session was very interesting. Moreover, I was able to see many inspirational scientists speak, including Prof. Shimon Sakaguchi, who spoke about regulatory T-cells on the morning of October 6, and in the afternoon it was announced that he won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. How inspiring!

As one of my goals was to identify Postdoctoral positions and research opportunities, I was very pleased to attend many inspiring talks and speak to several expert PIs in the field! Overall, the conference was a great success.

