



### **Dear Donor,**

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the generous Travel Assistance Scholarship that I received from the Graduate Student Association. I am truly thankful for providing me with the opportunity to attend the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis through this award.

### **Who am I?...**

As a MSc student in the department of biochemistry, my research focuses on Vaccine-Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT) associated with adenovirus-based COVID-19 vaccines. I am passionate about unraveling the immunological mechanisms behind this rare but serious side effect to improve vaccine safety, which is a topic that have been continuously argued and discussed within the field. With the help of this award, I will be able to showcase my poster and receive valuable feedback from experts, which will undoubtedly expand the scope of my research.

### **My accomplishments...**


I have had the opportunity to give an oral presentation about my thesis in front of the department in the Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences Research Symposium, where I received positive feedback and valuable suggestions for further improvements. Additionally, I have also presented a poster discussing a related disease at the same research symposium, receiving recognition for the clarity and significance of my work.

### **My aspirations...**

I look forward to contribute to the understanding of adenovirus-based vaccines and their impact on public health, and sharing the outcomes of my contributions and findings in the upcoming conference.

**Kind regards,**

Yi Zhang



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