

The ORS conference was incredibly exciting. Every hour of the day was filled with presentations, discussions, and networking events. In the presentations, I learned of new developments in the diverse field of orthopedics. Some of this research related to my own, but I also witnessed some far different. As many of these researchers were biomedical engineers or in a closely related field, their presentations gave me insight into what my future career may involve. In the discussions, career development was a popular topic, primarily highlighting the differences between academia and industry, and the transition between. Hearing these discussions affirmed my goal of entering industry following the completion of my education. At networking events and meetings with my PI, I was able to make important connections for graduate school and future careers. Since I am applying to graduate school in Europe, I networked with professors and faculty at a few of the universities to which I am applying. One of which I will be meeting with later this week to discuss open positions in her lab, which is very exciting. Additionally, I spoke with representatives from industry companies during my poster presentation and made connections for potential career paths. Overall, this conference gave me much confidence in the path ahead of me through insight into research and careers in my field and through the support of valuable connections.