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The Mineralogical Society kindly awarded me a bursary to travel to Canmore, for the 26th Himalaya-Karakoram-Tibet Workshop in July this year. At this international conference I presented a talk on the significant new structural findings I have discovered in Bhutan, my field area in the Eastern Himalaya. Along with the experience of presenting my work to an international audience in my field, I gained a huge amount from invaluable discussions with experts in this area. These included Prof Djordje Grujic of Dalhousie University, Prof Lincoln Hollister of Princeton University and Prof Aaron Martin of University of Maryland who are world authorities on Himalayan tectonics, forging links which may serve to strengthen my position when applying for positions after I have submitted my thesis.

The two day conference was followed by a three day field trip across the Rocky Mountains to the Coast Mountains, finishing in Vancouver. Experiencing this impressive region under the guidance of those who have worked in the area for decades was a great opportunity and allowed me to compare it to the Himalaya and broaden my understanding of large mountain chains.

I would like to thank the Mineralogical Society for their financial support which allowed me to take this chance to gain valuable knowledge and experience which I can take forward into the final year of my PhD and beyond.