

## Clay Minerals Group of Mineralogical Society of United Kingdom and Ireland

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I would like to sincerely thank the CMG group for awarding me this bursary, which helped me to attend the American Chemical Society (ACS) Spring Conference held in San Diego, 23-27<sup>th</sup> March'2025. This is one of the most prestigious and largest conferences in the field of chemistry, and it was an incredible opportunity to be part of such a renowned gathering.

As I near the completion of my PhD, this conference served as a significant milestone in my academic journey. It was the last major conference before my thesis submission, and it greatly boosted my confidence, allowing me to engage with leading researchers and peers from across the world.

I had the honour of delivering an oral presentation titled *"Iron Redox-Mediated Degradation of Chlorinated Contaminants: Exploring Oxidative and Reductive Pathways."* The experience of presenting my research on such a prominent platform and receiving valuable feedback was truly enriching.

Beyond the academic side, it was also wonderful to enjoy some sunshine and palm trees in San Diego — a refreshing break that's helped me return to writing with new energy and focus.

Once again, I am very grateful for the support provided through this bursary—it made this rewarding experience possible.

Warm regards,  
Malvika



Feeling proud as a chemist at ACS after delivering my talk