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As an OARSI scholarship recipient, I had a great time in New York during 4



months in 2011-12 at the department of Cell & Developmental Biology at Hospital for Special Surgery, in the laboratory of Dr. Mary B. Goldring. In Japan, I had been working a role of synovium perlecan in osteoarthritis in vivo. However, I didn't have methods of in vitro study. I had a chance to learn in vitro methods by using cartilaginous cell line at Dr. Goldring's lab. Dr. Goldring and her lab members gave me a great help and I got

many new skills. I appreciate their kindness. I also continue my experiment in Japan and we are building the collaboration of two laboratories. By the experience from this scholarship, I was able to learn not only the research skills, but also how different to make an academic career between two countries. This experience will become useful and beneficial in my future study and career. In addition, I was able to get the new mentorship and friendship. Because of the short term scholarship, the research result may not be sometimes given, but this experience will give us the benefit with more than of result. If there is a chance, apply this scholarship program and have a new experience.