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From April 4 to April 6, I had the privilege of attending the 2018 National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Oklahoma City. At the conference, I gave an oral presentation based upon research that I had done while studying abroad in Oxford, England. My presentation examined the process by which J.R.R. Tolkien reimagined Elves, and the ramifications that his work continues to have for literature. It was a valuable experience to be able to present my work to other interested parties, and to discuss my work's possible continuation. Additionally, as a result of my attending this conference, I am now able to submit my work to the 2018 NCUR Proceedings.

The travel award from the Honors College covered the price of the hotel and plane ticket. This was especially important because, as I was presenting research outside of my department, it was my only source of funding. Without the generosity of the Honors College, it is likely that I would have been unable to attend this conference. I believe that my first conference was a success, and look forward to being able to present further research at other conferences in the future.