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What are your career goals?

My goal is to develop an academic career as a clinical and translational investigator in the field of lymphoid malignancies. In particular, I am working on developing novel therapeutic strategies aimed at eradicating minimal residual disease in low grade lymphomas through targeting of the microenvironment.

Why did you chose MD Anderson?

Because I want to be in a place where innovation is valued over tradition, and where I can have the resources to break the paradigm and make high-impact scientific advances.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

MD Anderson has exposed me from the beginning to endless research opportunities, allowing me to quickly get familiar both with clinical trials and cutting edge basic science. MD Anderson has also offered me the necessary mentorship to make a critical use of those opportunities and effectively advance my career.

What do you like best about MD Anderson’s fellowship program?

It is a perfect combination of standard of care (with the LBJ experience) and experimental medicine (with the in-house rotations); no other center offer this.

What do you like about living in Houston?

It is very diverse, it is hard to feel a foreigner here, no matter how you sound or look.
What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

Despite being a metropolitan city, it is very family friendly, with plenty of playgrounds and activities for families.

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

I am an avid runner, and the Rice University loop offers a nice space to exercise. Otherwise, I spend all my spare time with my wife and kids, exploring parks and playgrounds around the city.