



Hometown: Baku, Azerbaijan

Undergraduate: Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

Medical School: Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey

Residency: University of Texas Houston McGovern Medical School

What are your career goals?

I would like to become a physician-scientist, with clinical and research interests focusing on understanding the biology and immunology of genitourinary malignancies to develop better treatments for the patients.

Why did you choose MD Anderson?

This is a place where you have all you need to become an excellent clinician and investigator.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

MD Anderson has outstanding faculty in every department who is doing clinical, translational, or basic science research. In my area of interest, I found brilliant mentors who are guiding me throughout the training.

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

The program offers support to different career paths, keeps track of your progress, and provides support in every aspect of your endeavors.

What do you like about living in Houston?

The diversity... It is a place that is open to every culture. And the weather, except for summer, it is beautiful for 8-9 months of the year for many outdoor activities.

What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

Flat surface, no mountains or hills.. I miss it sometimes..

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

"Outside of medicine" times are limited these days with the pandemic.

I love nature and outdoor activities, hiking, traveling national parks, getting together with friends and having a barbecue.