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What are your career goals?

To improve the lives of patients with myelodysplastic syndrome, myeloid disorders and leukemia.

Why did you choose MD Anderson?

Unrivaled mentorship, resources, and truly protected research time to discover and advance my career goals.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

Because of the institution's resources and experience in complex clinical care and research opportunities, I can understand the gaps of knowledge, how to address them, and how and when to ask the right research questions. I have also been fortunate to find excellent mentors, collaborators, and friends within the institution.

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

The access it gives to multiple faculty and staff who will guide us through fellowship. Also, the continuity clinic experience.

What do you like about living in Houston?

The winters are warmer. Good restaurants and excellent coffee shops.

What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

The unexpected quietness I can sometimes find even inside the city.

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

I like to have coffee with my wife in the afternoons. I also edit and write for Tolkien Gateway.