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Short bio:

I am a 4th year doctoral candidate in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Missouri. My work is focused on improving musculoskeletal integrity in a rare skeletal disorder- osteogenesis Imperfecta. I plan on graduating in May 2021, and pursuing fellowships thereafter.

What do you expect from this training?

- To expand my knowledge about bone physiology and calcium metabolism as well as the interrelatedness of bone with other tissues.
- Networking with participants of different specialties/backgrounds and training levels
- Broadening of my research focus not just on osteogenesis imperfecta (OI) but other bone dysplasias as well
- The exposure to cutting edge technology in musculoskeletal research

Bonus question: What motivates you to get out of bed in the morning?

The thought of improving someone else's life through my work and interactions with them.