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### **Short bio:**

Saigopalakrishna "Sai" Yerneni earned a Bachelors' in Technology from Anna University, India in 2012 followed by a Masters' in Biomedical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh in 2015. He then continued at Carnegie Mellon as a Dowd Fellow to pursue his PhD in Biomedical Engineering. His doctoral work focuses on understanding extracellular vesicle mediated cell-to-cell communication in health and disease. Specifically, he uses biofabrication tools and techniques, including inkjet-based and extrusion-based bioprinting, to study extracellular vesicle biology in regenerative medicine, cancer and infectious diseases. He received the 'Student Research Award' from the Society for Biomaterials – Drug Delivery Special Interest Group in 2018, the 'Young Investigator Award' from the International Society for Extracellular Vesicles in 2019 and the 'Young Investigator Award' from the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine in 2019.

### **What do you expect from this training?**

- 1. Get feedback on my research**
- 2. Learn about the latest research**
- 3. Get to know other people in bone biology field and network with peers**
- 4. Improve my presentation and communication skill**

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

**A quote by Genghis Khan-**  
**"There is no good in anything until it is finished"**