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Short bio:

I was born and raised in Innsbruck, Austria, where I also conducted my studies in Molecular Medicine at the Medical University of Innsbruck. The bachelor studies were a great chance for me to acquire basic theoretical knowledge in medicine together with a connection to molecular biology, being especially focused on research. During my master studies, which covered diverse fields of research, I then discovered my interest for immunology/infectiology, and I performed my master thesis in a clinical laboratory. Furthermore, during my masters, I could profit from an Erasmus exchange semester in Oslo, Norway, which left me curious to discover new places and cultures. I decided to take a gap year in order to travel and explore, during which I also realized that I wanted to continue my education with a PhD. Luckily, I found my current position, which fit my interests perfectly and at the same time aroused my curiosity, as bone biology was completely new for me. I thoroughly enjoyed working and living in Nice for the past 9 months and I am convinced to have made the right decision to come here and engage into bone research.

What do you expect from this training?

I expect from this PhD training class to be introduced into different fields of bone research and to acquire a solid insight in the complexities of the field. I further hope to broaden my knowledge base about bone biology by being exposed to different and new points of view. At the end of the training, I would like to be able to say that I understand more of the complexities of the bone. Furthermore, (but unfortunately not exactly like expected) I am curious to meet other students who share similar or the same interests in terms of research.

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

As I'm more of an evening person, every morning is a little struggle to get out of bed in time. However, once this period of infinite-snoozing is over and I had my first coffee, I try my best to start my days with the maximum of motivation, enthusiasm and humor I can mobilize!