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### **Short bio:**

I am a third year PhD student at Rush University in Chicago, Il. With a master's degree in biological and forensic anthropology, I have always had an interest in the human skeleton and chose to focus on clinical applications during my doctoral studies. My current research is centered around the molecular control of FGF23 and treatment options in X-linked Hypophosphatemia.

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

I hope to gain a deeper knowledge of bone biology and learn novel techniques that I am able to apply to my own research. I am also excited to meet other professionals and PhD students from around the world!

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

I am motivated by reminding myself that my research could one day improve the quality of life for those with the rare bone disease, x-linked hypophosphatemia.