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Short bio:

I am a PhD student on my final year and my project is focused on investigating the contributions of osteal tissue macrophages (osteomacs) in bone dynamics. Currently, we are working on targeting osteomacs to improve bone regeneration following both normal and osteoporotic fractures. From 2015 to date, I have been working on bone-focused projects and this passion stemmed from a very close personal connection to the impact of bone metastasis.

I enjoy going to the laboratory and working on my project, but I also love getting involved in social events and in my local community. I am the chair of multiple student groups/societies within my institute and university, and I've led teams in several fundraising events. I also visit local and rural schools within Queensland, Australia to assist students with their science projects, to promote STEM in school environment and to inspire the next generation to pursue a career in STEM.

What do you expect from this training?

- **Update my knowledge on bone physiology and related pathologies**
- **Improve my network connections within the bone field**
- **Mentorship and engagement with bone experts**
- **Improve my presentation and communication skills**

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

The smell of coffee and bacon