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Education: MBBS (K. S. Hegde Medical Academy, Mangalore)

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Brief profile (250 words):

I started working towards acquiring skills to pursue an active research career during my MBBS curriculum. The Indian Council of Medical Research grant I received to pursue a short-term project and the Indian Association of Occupational Health award I received for my public health study on construction workers, early in my medical school were major impetus for me to pursue an active research career. I was good at clinical medicine, but my love for basic research ended me up at Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, where I pursued a 3-year Masters in Medical Science and Technology (MMST) program. My love and appreciation for research deepened, even more, when I worked at the University of Wisconsin Madison on Khorana Fellowship in the lab of Dr. Aseem Z. Ansari. I got an opportunity to meet and closely interact with Dr. Har Gobind Khorana and present my work at the 33rd Steenbock Symposium. I received the highly competitive International Fulbright Science and Technology award that helped me matriculate into the Cellular and Molecular Medicine PhD program at The Johns Hopkins University in the lab of Prof. Rajini Rao, where I was awarded with the prestigious Young Investigator Award. My long-term goal is to use these diverse experiences I have gained during my training as a clinician, biomedical engineer, and now as a basic scientist and develop an independent effort under the mentorship of my fellowship supervisor Prof. Sandhya Visweswariah at IISc and aim for direct translation of research discoveries into improved patient care.