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1. When did you start studying at the BHI?

I started at the BHI as a summer vacation scholarship student in 2010 with Prof John Beltrame's Translational Vascular Function Research Collaborative group.

2. What were you doing before you came to the BHI?

I was an undergraduate student in Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Adelaide.

3. What attracted you to work/study at the BHI?

I started as a summer vacation scholarship student and followed that up with Honours and a PhD here at the BHI. I was introduced to Prof John Beltrame by Dr David Wilson, my undergraduate physiology lecturer. My first meeting with Prof Beltrame and the work from his group that is making a difference is what attracted me to the BHI. Over the years, a positive work environment and values that align with my own has continued which is the main reason I am still here!

4. What are the best things about working/studying at the BHI?

There are a lot of things that I like about the BHI. As a student, my research environment here at the BHI provided me with a lot of support and mentorship, allowed me to challenge myself and pushed me to new heights to achieve the most difficult goal of my life so far, the doctorate. Working at the BHI is no different to studying here. I still am surrounded by a supportive and productive team.

5. In a sentence or two, what research question are you working on at the moment?

At the moment, I am working on a few clinical trials investigating medical management strategies for patients with myocardial infarction with non-obstructive coronary arteries (MINOCA) and coronary slow flow patients.

6. What is your biggest career highlight so far?

The biggest career highlight so far for me is standing in front of thousands of cardiology researchers and presenting the results of the NACIAM trial at the European Society of Cardiology congress held in Rome in 2016. It was a nerve wrecking yet most gratifying experience.

7. Do you have a favourite memory of your time at the BHI to date?

TQEH Research Days [now TQEH Research Expos] are possibly my favourite event at the BHI. As a student, I used to be so nervous and excited at presenting at TQEH Research Day.

8. Would you recommend the BHI as a place to work/study? Why?

Yes, the BHI is an excellent place to work or study. It has a very supportive environment with excellent research facilities. It's just across from TQEH and allows us to optimise the translational research that we proudly boast about.