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1. When were you based at the BHI?

2013-2016

2. What were you doing then?

PhD

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

Excellent research facilities and the critical mass of researchers.

4. What were the best things about studying at the BHI?

Mentorship from my supervisor, Professor Eric Gowans and generous research funding support from Paul Flynn and his team at The Hospital Research Foundation.

5. Do you have a favourite memory of your time at the BHI?

The lunch time soccer games we used to hold with folks at the BHI – students with their mentors – that was really cool.

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

Absolutely yes. The BHI is a place where young scientists are nurtured to realise their potential and future career goals.

7. What have you done since you left the BHI?

Pursuing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute.

8. What is your biggest career highlight so far?

The Fab-ulous IgM: a new weapon in the fight against HIV. 1st author of this trend-setting revelation. Published this year in AIDS Journal.

9. What advice would you give to any current/future students at the BHI?

Work hard, trust your mentors and live your passion.

10. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your time at the BHI?

I will always want to come back and work at the BHI and with the people at THRF.