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Education

Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

M.Sc., B.Sc., Biotechnology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Scientific Interests

I am highly motivated to do cutting-edge translational cancer research that integrates knowledge, techniques, and tools of molecular biology, immunology, omics, bioinformatics, and biomedical big data sciences for deeper understanding of cancer mechanisms, improving the cancer diagnosis process, and for the design and development of precision medicine for cancer treatment.

I applied to iCURE because...

Research is the saving grace in my life. My ultimate long-term career goal is to establish myself as a successful researcher and academician. The iCURE fellowship offers excellent opportunities to work with world-class scientists in the fields of basic and translational cancer research at NCI. Moreover, it offers unique opportunities to work with a diverse group of people with different cultural backgrounds and to be involved with various extracurricular activities that might help to a great extent to further improve our communication and leadership skills. That's why I applied for this prestigious fellowship. I am very proud to be one of the recipients of the iCURE fellowship in 2020. I strongly believe that the iCURE postdoctoral fellowship at NCI would be a remarkable milestone to convert my passion into a profession as an independent researcher and an academician.

My favorite traditions/holidays...

Bengali New Year/Pohela Boishakh (14th April)

My hometown is...

I was born and grew up on a tiny island called Sandwip, located in Chittagong district, Bangladesh.

In my spare time, I enjoy...

In my spare time, I would love to travel. I usually go for long drives by myself or with friends. I have travelled to 23 states in the last five years after getting to the USA and would like to travel to all 50 states soon.

A few of my favorite things...

- Food: Rice with Ilish fish fry
- Place I have traveled: Cox Bazar sea beach, Yellowstone National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park
- Book: *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*
- Movie: Forrest Gump

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Sridhar Hannenhalli, PhD

Senior Investigator
Cancer Data Science Laboratory
CCR Bethesda

Words to live by...

Recognition of the privilege—the opportunity to Contemplate as my job, given to me by the taxpayers.

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

Being surrounded by extremely passionate, smart, collegial individuals; access to world-class expertise within a short walk

In my spare time, I enjoy...

Dancing Tango

My favorite traditions/holidays...

Argentine Tango

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Rosandra N. Kaplan, MD

Investigator
Pediatric Oncology Branch
CCR Bethesda

Words to live by...

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."
—Marie Curie

"If we knew what we were doing, it would not be called research."
—Albert Einstein

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

The people! They call it Nerds in Heaven for a reason. The opportunity to be around some of the brightest, most progressive minds who are working to expand our understanding of human biology to improve human health is humbling and a gift that I continue to cherish daily.

In my spare time, I enjoy...

I love nature and spending time in it, especially with my family, and I love learning new things!

My favorite traditions/holidays...

I love Thanksgiving, as I love stuffing and giving thanks and spending time with family.