

MICROBIOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY

Employee Spotlight

Q&A with Srijon Banerjee, Ph.D. Post-Doctoral Fellow - Pechous Lab



What is your favorite family tradition?

Every year our family back in Kolkata hosts all friends, colleagues, and extended family, for Diwali (usually in November). It is basically an annual reunion that has been happening since 1901. There is lots of food and drinks and some fireworks...lots of fun.

What is your favorite line from a movie?

Cannot think of a movie line but one my favorites is a Michael Scott line from The Office that I can always relate to because it hits close to home for a postdoc. "And I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do."

If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?

James Bond maybe...because he gets to travel a lot!

Ten years ago, who did you think you would be now?

I wanted to be a scientist, had imagined I would have my own lab studying bacterial pathogens.

If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?

I would have enjoyed attending the Woodstock music festival. If it has to be a scientific event, I would have liked to be in Louis Pasteur's lab in 1880 when he was working on attenuating chicken cholera.

What's the best thing about your job?

The independence and novelty.

If you could meet anyone (dead or alive), who would it be?

Keanu Reeves obviously, what a legend!

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

I really like visiting NYC and enjoyed being there for Christmas in 2018. Also, it was a long time ago but, I loved travelling to the Republic of Ireland.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

I would like to learn to fly.

What do you like best about Little Rock?

I find the people in Little Rock to be very welcoming and warm. But really, I will miss K-Bird!

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