PAVIR Talent Community

Shani (her name means red poppy flower in Farsi) joined PAVIR in 2019 as a Research Assistant to investigate autoimmunity and rheumatic diseases, working directly with Dr. William Robinson, Professor of Immunology & Rheumatology at Stanford University.

"It was very important to me to have my own independent research project", says Shani. She decided to investigate development of therapeutic antibodies for Lyme disease. "At first, it was surprising how independent I had to be: from arranging my workflow, balancing lab work, experiments, and data analysis to dedicating time to handling my own project. It was a challenging experience which helped me grow professionally and be better prepared to apply for Ph.D. program. I am grateful to all the research staff in the lab for giving me time and support to get where I am today."

Shaghayegh "Shani" Jahanbani
Life Sciences Research Assistant II

Ryan joined PAVIR to study pathophysiology causes and develop treatments for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, as part of the research lab led by Dr. Mark Nicolls, Stanford Endowed Chair of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Stanford University. Guided by his supervisor – Dr. Amy Tian, Principal Scientist, Ryan has been contributing to an exciting work to be submitted to Nature this fall, which is a result of a multi-year collaboration between VA Palo Alto and Stanford Principal Investigators and their research staff.

Ryan dedicated himself to learning several techniques the lab didn’t use before. Ryan says his first year at PAVIR flew by: “It’s been extremely engaging because of the magnitude and pace of expanding my knowledge: I learned more in one year than in 4 years of undergrad studies!”

Ryan applied to several medical schools earlier this year. Undoubtedly, he’s better prepared for this important new chapter in his career after working in the Nicolls laboratory at PAVIR!

Ryan Vinh
Life Sciences Research Assistant I
When you meet Danniel, you start smiling immediately! His positivity shines through and it brightens your day. He moved to the Bay area from Central Valley, where farmland jobs are prevalent and other work is difficult to find.

Danniel enjoys working with Kevin Limjoco, who joined PAVIR five years ago and has been promoted to a Supervisor in 2020. “Kevin treats everyone fairly and equally, and helps me when something is unfamiliar”, says Danniel. What he appreciates the most about his job? “Teamwork! It’s like family here, everyone is nice and supportive”.

We are happy to have you at PAVIR, Dannie!

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