

Profile Snapshot of Manish Rana

Manish Rana was born in Bihar and did his schooling till 12th standard in small town called Gomia in Jharkhand (previously it was Bihar). His initial impressions about the world in general was shaped mostly by his school teachers and the school environment. He liked biology and was fascinated by cell organelles. He wanted to do something with biology, however he was confused as interest in biology by default meant to be a medical doctor in India (at least at that time, late 90's). Other options such as to be a scientist were not very well chalked out for him at that time. Living in a small place also added to lack of awareness. As luck would have it, his family migrated to Nagpur (a relatively larger city in Maharashtra) and he got enrolled in a college to study Biochemistry. His fascination for learning biology grew further in college along with other aspects of personal development. He was actively involved in acting in English/hindi plays. Later he went on to finish his Masters in Biochemistry from MS University of Baroda. It was Gujarat where he first thought about going abroad for higher studies.

Manish completed his doctoral studies at LSUHSC, New Orleans with focus on cancer cell biology. To further finetune his expertise in cell biology, he pursued postdoctoral research at University of California San Francisco. For his postdoctoral research he investigated the cell biology aspect of Kidney and Lung Fibrosis. Currently, he is a clinical adjunct faculty at Michigan State University, college of Osteopathic Medicine and working as a Clinical Research Coordinator in a teaching community hospital in Michigan. His primary role is to facilitate all research endeavors of Medical residents, students and attending physicians. He is married to Priya Rana who is a physician and they have a 15 months old daughter. They live in Saint Joseph, Michigan.