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As a clinician scientist in the field of orthopedic molecular imaging pursuing the second year of my PhD at the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Wright Center of Innovation in Biomedical Imaging at the Ohio State University, the OARSI scholarship gave me the exceptional opportunity to work under the mentorship of Dr Siegfried Trattnig and his fabulous team at the Center of Excellence for High Field Magnetic Resonance, Medical University of Vienna, during the autumn of 2011. I have greatly benefited from working in a state of the art facility, using a 28-channel knee coil and a 7 Tesla magnet to image cartilage, bone, and tidemark of the knee. This imaging research could assist to elucidate more thoroughly the pathophysiology of knee osteoarthritis. Under the guidance of world-renowned clinicians and scientists, I have learned numerous skills that will help me greatly in my future career. I would recommend the OARSI scholarship to all young scientists seeking a career boost as well as an enjoyable personal experience.

Scholarship recipient 2011