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In fulfillment of Erin Macri's 2016 OARSI Collaborative Scholarship, Erin spent 3 months in the autumn of 2017 in Boston, MA with Prof David Felson (Boston University) and A/Prof Josh Stefanik (Northeastern University). Her project involved assessing patellofemoral alignment and morphology in the Framingham Community Cohort, a population-based cohort of ambulatory, community dwelling adults aged ≥ 50 yrs (n=985). This project led to a peer-reviewed publication entitled "Patellofemoral morphology and alignment: reference values and dose response patterns for the relation to MRI features of patellofemoral osteoarthritis" (Osteoarthritis & Cartilage 2017: doi: 10.1016/j.joca.2017.06.005). In addition to the successful completion of this project, Erin found her experience in Boston to be both academically and culturally enriching. Erin attended weekly meetings with Felson's Clinical Epidemiology Research & Training Unit, where she worked with and learned from among the world's prominent leaders in OA research, including epidemiologists, statisticians, clinicians and other researchers. She also took advantage of being located in Boston to visit other laboratories and institutions where she developed an appreciation for the rich academic environment of this bustling US city. Her work in Boston contributed towards completion of her PhD dissertation at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, which she completed in September 2017. Based on the successful collaboration in Boston, Erin returned to the US in November 2017 to begin a postdoctoral research appointment with A/Prof Stefanik, who has since relocated to the Physical Therapy Department at the University of Delaware, ranked as the top PT program in the US. The funding provided by OARSI to complete this project was therefore instrumental in guiding Erin's career trajectory.

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