

Testimonial

Dr. Maria G. Dainotti is the person who introduced me to the world of academia, and for that, I would be forever grateful. I have always wanted to perceive cosmology in all its aspects, from observation to theory and computation. So, when I mailed Dr. Dainotti for a summer project, I was pleasantly surprised to get to work on a profound problem such as the Hubble Tension for my very first research endeavour. What was more, she was ready to accommodate me for a brief 3-week stint at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, Mitaka, Tokyo!

I was quite worried about long-distance correspondence issues that might arise due to logistical issues and time zone differences, but all of that was put to rest due to Dr Dainotti's initiative to regularly schedule meetings that immensely helped me acclimate myself to the crux of the project I was inducted into. I received a very warm welcome at NAOJ. For the brief period, I was at NAOJ, I immensely benefited from the academic (and cultural) insights of the rest of the group and other academics at the NAOJ.

Our work on the project has culminated in a paper, which is currently under review. This marks my first publication as a co-author. Her role throughout the paper has not only been to contribute academic insights but also to ensure integrity and fairness, qualities I very much value in a supervisor. Dr. Dainotti has helped me grow from having no previous experience in observational cosmology to contributing significantly to an academic paper. Under her expert guidance, I gained a lot of important insights in the peripheral theoretical and computational aspects as well. This helped me gain a very holistic view of cosmology and high-energy astrophysics. Hence, I strongly recommend collaborating with her very diverse and international research group, which would help one grow as a researcher and as a person.



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