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I have completed the two-weeks of my Data Science RoAD Trip. I want to thank everyone who came up with this idea. The two-weeks that I spent with my mentor, Dr. Delen at Oklahoma State University was the highlight of my learning career. I don't think I will ever forget this experience. I was studying 10 to 12 hours a day. It was so intense and so good that I had amazing experiences. As a result of our brainstorming sessions with Dr. Delen, my one paper and potential K-award goal turned into three papers and a K-Grant application. I am currently working on 3-papers and a K-Training grant application simultaneously. I wanted to extend my trip and stay one more week. However, because of my teaching and family obligations, I had to return to Birmingham to my family and students. I am looking forward to sharing with you the actual end products of my trip. The most important discovery that I made during the RoAD-Trip was the discovery about the impact of a very focused, intensive, and collaborative training on my intellectual potential and productivity. Dr. Delen is an amazing mentor. *-Ferhat Zengul*

Megan Herting, Fellow - University of Southern California, Kyle Foreman, Mentor - University of Washington

I enjoyed the opportunity to go and learn. As a young PI, I spend a lot of time writing grants and implementing current skills. This gave me an opportunity to think about new techniques to big data and how to implement them to my every day research goals. *-Megan Herting*

Bino Varghese, Fellow - University of Southern California, Gaurav Pandey, Mentor - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai School

The timely exposure to a diverse field that augments your own is quite uplifting and simply empowering. The selection process was well thought of. *-Bino Varghese*

Ning Mei, Fellow - New York University, Gaurav Pandey, Mentor - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai School

The program provides an opportunity for me to connect with world experts in bioinformatics and it extends my view of machine learning. *-Mei Ning*

Dursun Delen, Mentor - Oklahoma State University, Ferhat Zengul, Fellow - University of Alabama at Birmingham

I found the program very beneficial and productive and if allowed I want to be a part of it again. *-Dursun Delen*

