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is an outstanding achievement for such a dedicated and hard-working student. Robert was the first researcher anywhere in the world to be able to conclusively link lichen genes to the n and inspiration for a number of other PhD

During the course of his PhD studies, Bertrand says he was fortunate to find someone in his lab in whom he could confide, as well as bounce ideas off.

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