

NARAP Research Associate Alumni

Where Are They Now

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Sandip Tarpada

- **School Attended:** Cornell University
- **NARAP Affiliate Hospital:** St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT
- **Research Associate Years:** 2010 and 2011

Where is Sandip now?

Following his time as a Research Associate, Sandip conducted bench research, including two summers at Yale School of Medicine's Department of Surgery. He is now a third-year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York. He plans on applying into orthopedic surgery residency, and hopes to stay in the northeast. In his time at Albert Einstein, Sandip has been involved in spine research, and has published his work as well.

What Sandip says about the NARAP Research Associates Program

"The Research Associates Program was exactly what I needed at the time...I was committed to going to med school, but if I didn't have the experience I had during the NARAP Research Associates Program, *it would have been naïve for me to say, 'I want to go into medicine'*. I think anyone and everyone considering medical school should do it".