

## Abdessamad Belgada



Since we're not quite ready to get back into in-person interviews yet, we've decided to start a slightly new version of #humansofOISS if you're interested in sharing some of what you love about where you come from, DM us right now and we'll be in touch!

This week, meet Abdessamad Belgada, who also goes by Samad.

*Q. Where are you from and what are you doing here?*

A. "I'm from Morocco, I'm a Fulbright visiting Ph.D. Candidate at the Chemical and Environmental Engineering Department, co-advised by Prof. Elimelech. Graduating this year."

*Q. What is your favorite thing about where you come from?*

A. "I love a lot of things about my home country. Mind you, what I like most about it is the immense cultural richness which is related to the deep historical extension, noting that Morocco is the second oldest kingdom in the world (12 centuries of history), beside the presence of Moroccan Amazighs for about 30 centuries. In addition to that, Morocco is situated at the crossroads of Europe and Africa, which makes it a major economic and diplomatic player on the continent, exerting influence in African, Arab, and European dialogues."

*Q. Tell us about the picture you chose to represent you.*

A. "This picture is from Dakhla, the pearl of Moroccan Sahara. I have chosen this picture because it reminds me of one of the most glorious moments of my life, when my team and I won the Moroccan championship of debates

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