

SIR SYED GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

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28 AMU students selected for the Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) 2021-22

The Sir Syed Education Society of North America, a US-based 501 (c) (3) non-profit entity, announced the list of 28 AMU students/alumni selected for its annual Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) for the academic session 2021-22.

Keeping up with the trend from previous years, a record number of applications were received from the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Science, Medicine, Life Sciences and Engineering & Technology. The experts from each discipline evaluated the applications independently, and the shortlisted students were invited for an online interview as a part of a rigorous selection process.

Mr. Salman Bin Kashif, himself a past beneficiary and the current Chair of the SSGSA program said, "The quality of applications continues to improve each year. In the coming years, it will serve the students well if they go the extra mile in building their overall profiles through projects and internships while being diligent in learning the fundamental concepts of their respective subjects. We were privileged to have faculty members from prestigious universities in the US on our interview panels this year. We will continue to strive towards expanding our program".

The interview panels consisted of SSGSA team members from different parts of the world, along with the experts from academia and industry- Dr. Farhan Ahmad (Honeywell International Inc.), Prof. Abrar Alam (Arkansas State University), Prof. Nawab Ali (University of Arkansas), Prof. Asim Ansari (Columbia University), Dr. Ruchi Dana (Dana Corporation), Dr. Shabih Hasan (Delos), Prof. Syed Hashsham (Michigan State University), Prof. Shakir Husain (Youngstown State University), Dr. Afzal Husain (Aligarh Muslim University), Prof. Asad Ullah Khan (Aligarh Muslim University), Dr. Sayeed Mohammad (Fractionation Research Inc.), Dr. Ahsan Munir (Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), Prof. Sultana Nahar (Ohio State University), Prof. Bushra Sabri (Johns Hopkins University), Prof. Yasmin Saikia (Arizona State University) and Prof. Samina Salim (University of Houston).

The final merit list was compiled by taking into account various evaluation criteria like the CGPA, projects, internships and extracurricular activities. The selected scholars are exceptionally meritorious and possess immense potential to secure admissions in reputed graduate programs around the world.

All the selected SSGSA scholars will be provided personalized mentorship, financial aid for the required standardized tests (GRE/GMAT, TOEFL/IELTS), and university application fees for up to five universities. The applicants who could not make it to the final list will be offered mentorship and guidance by the organization so that they can also continue with their academic goals.

The SSGSA core team, which consists of the present Chair Mr. Salman Bin Kashif (Clemson, South Carolina, USA), founding members Mr. Syed Ali Rizvi (Boston, Massachusetts, USA), Dr. Saif Sheikh (Chicago, Illinois, USA), Dr. Rehan Baqri (Boston, Massachusetts, USA), Dr. Shaida Andrabi (Srinagar, Kashmir, India), and former chairs Dr. Mohsin Khan (Providence, Rhode Island, USA), Mr. Ali Muzaffar (Atlanta, Georgia, USA), and Dr. Wasikul Islam (Geneva, Switzerland), expressed their gratitude to

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Prof. Asad U. Khan, Prof M. M. Sufyan Beg and Mr. Omar Peerzada for helping with SSGSA activities on campus.

The SSGSA core team is also grateful to all advisory board members, application reviewers, interviewers, mentors, volunteers, donors and well-wishers for their continuous support over the years.

The list of the selected SSGSA scholars, in alphabetical order along with their departmental affiliation, is as follows:

- 1. Aafiya, Physics
- 2. Ayush Agrawal, Mechanical Engineering
- 3. Sehrish Akhtar, Physics
- 4. Danish Alam, Physics
- 5. Ayesha Nasir Alavi, Law
- 6. Mohammad Anas, Computer Engineering
- 7. Bushra Ansari, Biochemistry
- 8. Mohd Mushfique Javed Ansari, Architecture
- 9. Samina Irshad Ansari, Psychology
- 10. Heena Aslam, Electrical Engineering
- 11. Mohd Abdul Baseer, Physics
- 12. Mohammad Fahad, Electrical Engineering
- 13. Aqib Faraz, Commerce
- 14. Ifrah Farid, Biochemistry
- 15. Harshul Gupta, Physics
- 16. Arsalan Hameed, Computer Engineering
- 17. Saman Jafri, Biotechnology
- 18. Faisal Jamal, Biochemistry
- 19. Faraha Javed, Medicine
- 20. Shahrukh Khan, Electrical Engineering
- 21. Tayyibah Khanam, Electrical Engineering
- 22. Yusra Meraj, Electronics Engineering
- 23. Madiha Noman, English
- 24. Kunwar Muhammed Saaim, Computer Engineering
- 25. Saba Sarwar, Computer Science
- 26. Md Showgat Jahan Shourave, Economics
- 27. Mohd Talha, Physics
- 28. Amber Tanweer, Law

The list of past 120+ SSGSA scholars is available on the SSGSA website: <u>www.ssgsa.us</u>. Many of the SSGSA alumni have successfully graduated with Masters and Ph.D. degrees, and are professionally placed across the globe. Some of them are currently volunteering for the SSGSA program as well.