

Islamic Scholarship Fund

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Ali Kareem (left)

2013 Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored by UC Irvine
Muslim Alumni Association
2015 Film Grant Recipient for "Babylon, Texas"

Mustafa Eck (right)

2011 Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored by ISF
University of Southern California, Film Studies

Dear ISF Family,

Every year, I look forward to sharing our annual report on the powerful work that ISF has done in the year prior. While our staff, board, advisors, and alumni celebrate the strides that ISF made in 2021, I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who supported ISF's work to empower American Muslim trailblazers in the fields of film, media, law, and policy this past year. During the most challenging times of the pandemic, your unwavering support was integral to advancing our mission of fostering the inclusion of American Muslims in the United States.

ISF was originally established to provide scholarships that would increase American Muslim representation in media and policy. Today, and largely owed to your generosity, ISF's cycle of support now includes film grants, congressional fellowships, and both congressional and judicial internships. In addition to our expanded programming, we are working hard to support our alumni through mentorship and networking by developing networks for our scholarship recipients, film grantees, interns, and fellows.

Recognizing the growing importance of having American Muslims in the halls of power, we focused on our policy and law verticals last year. We created the Congressional Policy Internship (two-month program), the Congressional Policy Fellowship (nine-month program), and the Judicial Internship program. All three programs offer American Muslims the professional training and networking opportunities needed to successfully build careers on the Hill, in the judicial system, and across all levels of government—thereby increasing American Muslim representation and ensuring we have a say over the policies that impact us the most.

In 2022, we will focus heavily on film and media, and wait to share more about our film and media fellowships and internships in the coming months. Established in 2014, the ISF Film Grant – the first American Muslim film grant of its kind – aims to empower underrepresented filmmakers to create films that tell their stories and share their lived experiences, all of which served to positively impact the public's perception and understanding of the Muslim community. Your generosity has allowed us to support American Muslim filmmakers who have been nominated for Oscars, won an Emmy, and received other awards at major festivals such as SXSW and Tribeca. These filmmakers are also part of labs with Sundance, Gotham, Film Independent, Firelight Media, and many more. The films our grantees have produced thoughtfully and critically lay out the many injustices impacting marginalized communities, such as surveillance, immigration, incarceration, Islamophobia, gender, and racial inequalities.

It is a privilege to lead ISF in supporting American Muslims and increasing our representation in the fields that have real and tangible outcomes on increasing inclusion of our community. This work could not come at a more critical juncture in time, and I'm grateful to our donors, board, council, alumni, staff, consultants, and volunteers for making ISF's work possible.

As we look to the year ahead, I know that together, we can continue building a country that better represents the values, aspirations, and priorities of American Muslims.

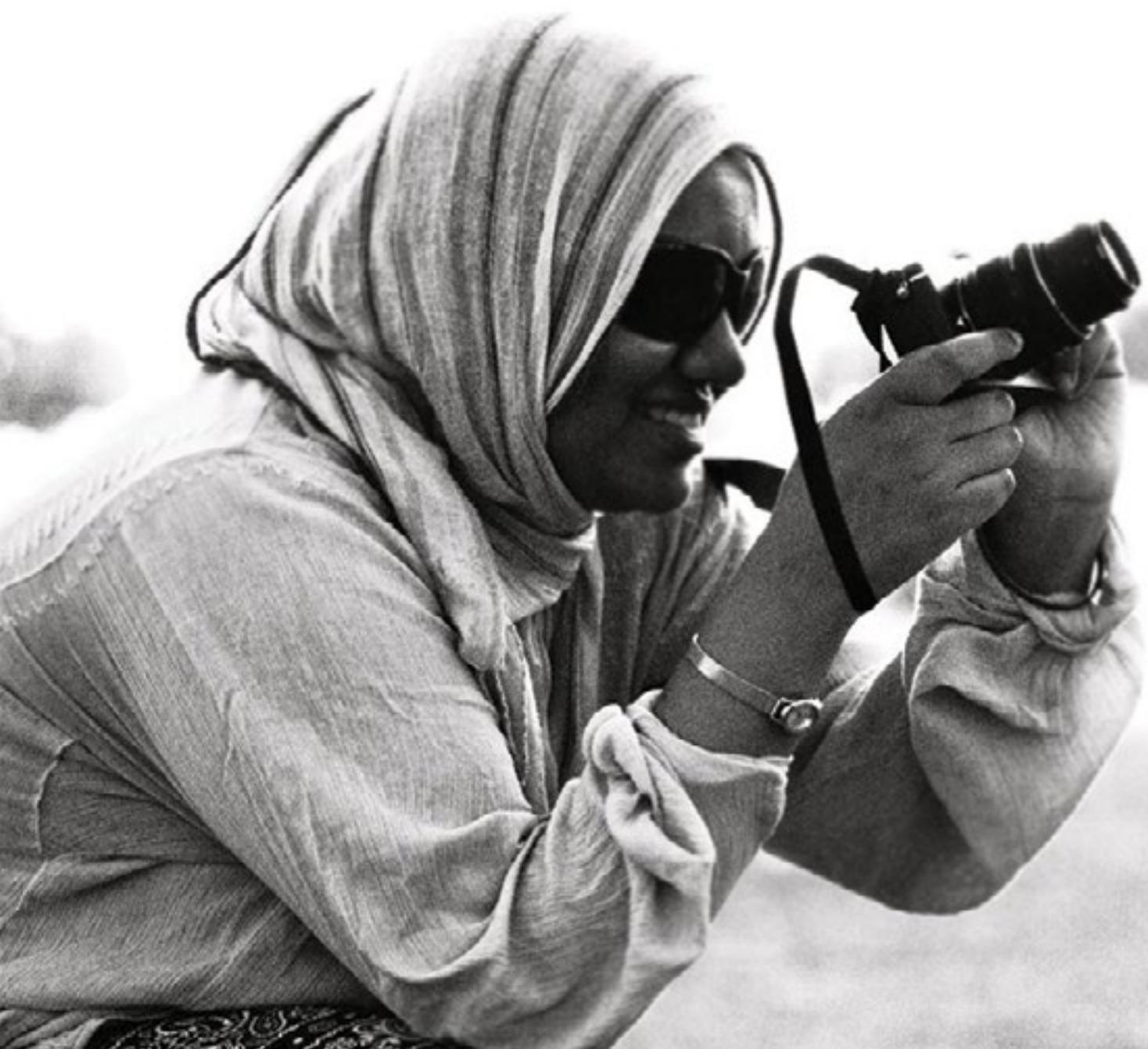
With gratitude,

Somayeh Nikooei

ISF Executive Director

Hena Ashraf

2016 Scholarship Recipient,
Sponsored by Faran Tahir
2019 Film Grant Recipient
for "The Return"



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Mustafa Eck

2011 Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored by ISF
University of Southern California, Film Studies



MISSION & VISION

The Islamic Scholarship Fund (ISF) increases American Muslim representation in film, media, law, and government to improve public policy and public opinion. We envision a society where religion, culture, and race are not barriers to equity and equality. All people are treated with dignity and respect. Every citizen's voice plays an integral role in creating inclusive communities that encourage participation by all.



Faroukh Virani

2013 Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored by Islamic Shura Council of
Southern California
University of California, Los Angeles; Film and Television Production

Programs Overview

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2009, ISF has awarded 400 scholarships to American Muslim students studying and working in fields that most significantly impact public opinion and policy, including journalism, film, television production, acting, theater, public policy, political science, and law. Our goal is to increase the number of Muslim policymakers and storytellers to influence public policy, correct negative portrayals of Muslims in the news, and invest in creating positive and engaging stories about American Muslims. These scholarships range from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

FILM GRANT

Mass media has an undoubtedly powerful influence on society's perceptions and beliefs about the subjects portrayed. While the spread of online media sources and social networking sites provides alternative voices, traditional mass media still reaches more people and holds substantial power in determining what information is deemed necessary. That's why ISF launched its Film Grant program in 2014. The grant aims to create representation of American Muslims and amplify their stories and lived experiences in a country that has for too-long diminished the culture and heritage that makes up the tapestry of our community. The grant has supported 45 emerging filmmakers dedicated to creating engaging and positive stories about Muslims. Recipients will also receive mentorship and/or networking opportunities from an industry professional to help further the advancement of their script and film.

CONGRESSIONAL POLICY INTERNSHIP

The ISF Congressional Policy Internship is a paid, highly selective, nonpartisan semester-long program devoted to advancing diversity and inclusion on Capitol Hill. Interns spend spring, summer, or fall on Capitol Hill working for a member of Congress. Throughout their internship, they observe the legislative process at the federal level, develop research skills related to public policy, and assist full-time staff with their duties. Participants for this program leave inspired to run for office, take jobs on the Hill, or to start their own meaningful initiatives.

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP

The ISF Judicial Internship offers a unique opportunity for first-year law students to intern or extern with a district, state, or federal judge. The internship is an eight-week program that promotes diversity in the judiciary and law profession. ISF law scholars can apply for spring, summer, or fall and receive a stipend.

CONGRESSIONAL POLICY FELLOWSHIP

The ISF Congressional Policy Fellowship is a paid nine-month, full-time program that provides fellows with an opportunity to work in Washington D.C. on legislative and public policy issues at Congressional offices. Fellowships open the doors for permanent positions. Through a nine-month fellowship, fellows gain real-world experience working on legislative and public policy issues. Fellows will be offered permanent positions on the Hill as staffers, run for office, work in the administration, or start a meaningful initiative in public policy.



Top 10 Ways ISF Amplifies the Voices of American Muslims

1. Empowering Filmmakers to Inspire

ISF empowers talented filmmakers to tell our stories through our own eyes to provide a more balanced representation of our experiences, commonalities, and contributions as important members of the American community.

2. Combating Disinformation with Honest Journalism

ISF brings truth to journalism through our scholars who are challenging the narrative about Islam and Muslims in America.

3. Bringing the American Muslim Voice to Media

ISF supports scholars dedicated to increasing American Muslim representation in media so that our voice will be heard and respected.

4. Wielding the Power of Policy

Through our Congressional Internship and Fellowship programs, ISF prepares American Muslims to enter and excel in the fields of government and politics. Having an active seat at the table guarantees that our community's needs and interests are represented in the making of policies, laws, and regulations.

5. Cultivating Strong Leaders

By empowering passionate, driven, and justice-minded individuals, ISF creates a platform for American Muslims to tackle inequities and lead within their communities.

6. Reshaping Public Opinion

Bolstering the number of American Muslims working in television and film increases representation, combats stereotypes, and boosts our community's inclusion in the media. Being part of the mainstream narrative ensures we won't be seen as the "other," but rather as an integral and valuable part of American society.

7. Elevating Elected Officials

More American Muslims than ever are being elected to public office and advisory positions to lead change in this country-and we are proud to have helped advance such progress.

8. Increasing Representation in Law

A legal system without representation is prone to bias and injustice against those it claims to represent. ISF encourages American Muslims to pursue careers as public interest attorneys, judges, and legal advocates, so our civil rights are protected, not just in principle, but also in the practice of the law.

9. Promoting the Power of the Pen

Each year, ISF scholars publish numerous books and articles examining the experiences of American Muslims and offering our diverse perspectives about laws, policies, ethics, social movements, media trends, history, representation, impact, and civic engagement. Positioning our community members as thought leaders across various fields and disciplines is integral to uplifting American Muslims today and for generations.

10. Challenging the Status Quo

ISF alumni are agents of change at the epicenters of public and political influence and at institutions that impact public opinion. They challenge the status quo by telling our community's stories and fighting the unjust policies that affect American Muslims daily.

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

ISF's impact in the past year was enormous – and we owe so much of that to supporters like you. In fact, since 2009, your generosity enabled us to award over \$1.9 million and 506 awards to 450 American Muslims. In 2021 alone, we awarded \$319,000 to our latest cohort of ISF grantees. Here are just a few of the other big wins you helped advance in the past year:

AWARDED
45
STUDENTS
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$176,500
IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

AWARDED THE HIGHEST TOTAL AMOUNT OF FILM GRANTS

Including **3** first-place awards totaling **\$80,000** to **9** American Muslim filmmakers.

HOSTED 30 WEBINARS

on writing and publishing, social justice, movement building, law and careers in government, and many more topics.

PLACED AND FUNDED 7 TRAILBLAZING MUSLIMS AS CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS AND A FELLOW ON CAPITOL HILL,

including in the offices of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rep. Ayanna Pressley.



INCREASED THE NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES WE WORK WITH.

★ **Positioned** our second full-time Congressional Fellow with Rep. Pramila Jayapal for a paid 12-month long position on the Hill.

★ **Launched** the first Muslim Judicial Internship Program in the nation. This paid program places law students with federal, state, and district judges for a semester-long internship.

★ **Enhanced** our unique Cycle of Support resources by holding our first ISF Alumni Conference featuring workshops, panels, and networking opportunities for scholars.

ESTABLISHED THE FIRST AMERICAN MUSLIM DISTRIBUTION FILM GRANT



to help filmmakers circulate their films and amplify their reach.

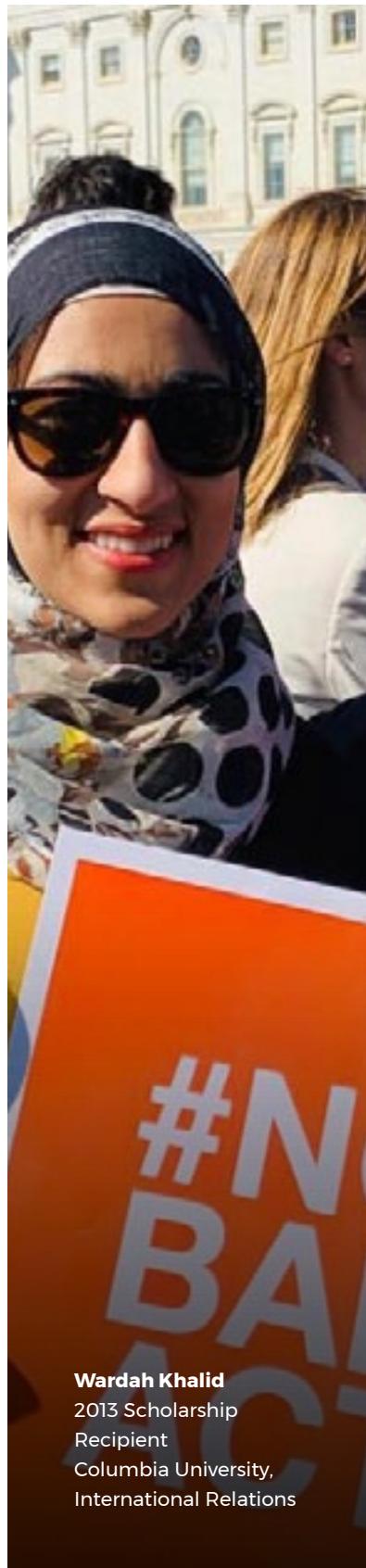
New in 2021: Muslim-Led Support Programs for Artists

Last year, ISF set out to fill a critical void by creating the first ever artist support program aimed at empowering American Muslim filmmaker-led projects that operate from a Muslim-centered framework. We have defined this as an evolving framework that creates a space for Muslim Artists to restore, define and center their narratives. This program includes two key components: first, listening to the needs of our alumni and creating support, and second, building infrastructure that allows them to be supported across their careers.

Artist support is built to evolve with our Alumni as an incubator. We want them to remember this experience and know that we are not just committing to their projects, but also to their journeys.

Specific benefits offered include:

- ◊ Table Reads with professional actors for projects in the writing phase.
- ◊ Work sessions with an adviser for projects in the editing phase.
- ◊ Peer-to-peer reviews.
- ◊ Advisory Hours for one-on-one advice.
- ◊ Artist Clinic to prepare portfolios to pitch films to managers.
- ◊ Artist Circles to navigate tough situations in the film industry, co-facilitated by organizations that center Muslim healing and well being.
- ◊ Writers Lab, which is a three-day lab and six-month mentorship program that affords our screenwriters the opportunity to workshop their script with the support of a mentor in phase one and to take general meetings with industry decision-makers in phase two. When the three-day lab finishes, the mentors pivot to coach the lab attendees.



Wardah Khalid
2013 Scholarship Recipient
Columbia University,
International Relations

Queen Muhammad Ali (left)
2017 Film Grant Recipient

Hakeem Ali (second from right)
2020 Film Grant Recipient



AMERICAN MUSLIMS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT “BEST OF THE FEST”

We are thrilled to share that the ISF-sponsored film “Comin’ Up Short” was voted “Best of the Fest” at the 2021 Hip Hop Film Festival in New York City. The film competed against 250 films from all over the world! “Comin’ Up Short” was premiered at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Brooklyn. The event was sponsored by BET+ and Revolt TV. The film was written, directed and edited by Queen Muhammad Ali, 2017 film grantee, and Hakeem Ali, 2020 film grantee. ISF is proud to be part of this tremendous achievement in film and to support the exceptional filmmakers who made this film a reality.



CELEBRATING CULTURE, CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

ISF was proud to host our first [virtual banquet](#) in 2021, during which we celebrated the enormous impact made by and for our community. We announced our Film awardees during the banquet and explored why American Muslim representation matters in media, law, policy, and film. Hosted by ISF Alumni and current Board Member Dr. Dalia Fahmy, the event included keynote remarks from the well-known motivational speaker Dr. Altaf Husain and ISF Film Director Iman Zawahry. Our 2021 Virtual Banquet was a great success, and we reached our fundraising goal!

A portrait of Dr. Dalia Fahmy, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a patterned hijab and a dark blazer. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

“When our identity is constantly defined for us. When Muslims are told you are not us. Then, we are constantly reacting. We are reacting to narratives and theoretical frames that have been already decided for us. And when we are reacting to pre-established frames, then we are limited to and limited by those frames. So we get confined to defining ourselves not by what we are, but by what we are not.”

Dr. Dalia Fahmy
ISF Board Member and 2009 Alumni

Current Scholar Spotlight



RAZI JAFRI

"An artist and activist at heart, in early 2015, I left a long career as an engineer to pursue more meaningful work. With ISF's support and commitment to amplifying the Muslim voice, 'Hamtramck, USA' became a dream come to fruition."

2021 Film Scholarship, Sponsored by the Azad Family

Razi Jafri is an MFA student at the STAMPS School of Art + Design at the University of Michigan. He is a Detroit-based documentary filmmaker and producer whose work focuses on race, immigration, democracy and human rights. Razi's film "Hamtramck, USA" premiered at the SXSW film festival in 2020 and was broadcast on the PBS program "America ReFramed." His latest film, "Loyalty," is slated for release in early 2023. Previously, Razi was awarded fellowships by Facing Change: Documenting Detroit in 2016, the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) in 2018, The Salzburg Global Forum in 2019, and most recently, the Knight Foundation Fellowship at the Sundance Film Festival in 2020.



DANIEL KHALESSI

"My ISF Scholarship, graciously sponsored by the Muslim Community Association of the Bay Area (MCA), could not have come at a better time in my academic and professional career. The notion of becoming the first Muslim and Iranian-American president in the 74-year history of the Stanford Law Review was completely foreign to me. My election to this important role demonstrates some degree of progress. But I also want to clarify that there is still more progress to be made as we strive to build a more tolerant and inclusive legal community and society. This is why ISF is so important."

2021 Law Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored by the Muslim Community Association of the Bay Area

Daniel Khalessi is the President of the Stanford Law Review, becoming the first Muslim and Iranian-American elected to that role. Before law school, Daniel worked at Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, where he analyzed U.S. foreign policy. He earned an M.A. from Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, an M.A. in Economics from Peking University in China as a Yenching Scholar, and a B.A. in International Relations from Stanford. He has interned for former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice and at the U.S. Department of Treasury's Middle East North Africa Office.



FATIMA LADHA

“My name is Fatima Ladha, and I am an ISF 2021 Law Scholarship Recipient! It is my honor to announce that I was recently elected Editor-in-Chief of the California Law Review, UC Berkeley’s prominent law review journal. I am also proud to announce that our new Managing Editor is a fellow Muslim Law student. This means that the two leaders for CLR are Muslim law students this upcoming year!”

2021 Law Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored in Memory of Azza Shamseldin

Fatima Ladha is attending the University of California, Berkeley Law School where she is studying to work in technology law against the surveillance of immigrant communities. She is an Associate Editor of the Berkeley Technology Law Journal, Programming Chair of both the Women of Color Collective and Berkeley Muslim Law Students Association and Diversity Chair of the Plaintiffs’ Law Association. Prior to law school, Fatima was a Community Advocate advancing the civil rights of Muslims in the Bay Area. She graduated from Stanford in 2017 with a degree in English and African & African American Studies.



BASHIRAH MACK

“Over the past two years at UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism, I’ve reported and produced short videos about Black women and student loan debt, and South Asian elders who experience Ramadan in the U.S. I’ve also reported on the ways Oakland residents fight to rename and reclaim public spaces. Pretty soon, I’ll have an investigative story published in the Washington Post. Finally, and more recently, as a second-year student of documentary, I was awarded one of Berkeley Journalism’s top honors, the Marlon T. Riggs Fellowship. After graduation, I look forward to directing my next film.”

2021 Media Scholarship in Journalism, Sponsored by Fairuz Basma

Bashirah Mack is a documentary filmmaker and visual storyteller. At the UC Berkeley Journalism School, she’s honing her visual storytelling skills from conception to post-production. She is currently helping to tell investigative stories as an Investigative Reporting Program fellow. Her work has appeared in Oakland North, WBEZ Chicago Public Media, WYPR Baltimore Public Radio, City Bureau, Chicago Defender, and South Side Weekly. Bashirah has also received nominations for her collaboration on investigative stories from the Chicago Headline Club.



ZAHRAA SAHEB

“Through the ISF scholarship, I was able to further my education without as much student loan debt as sadly many others incur during their educational journeys. The generosity of this organization has allowed me, a refugee Muslim woman, to anchor myself in the world, and for that I am eternally grateful.”

2021 International Studies Scholarship, Sponsored by the Makhraj Endowment Fund

Zahraa Saheb is a graduate student pursuing a Masters in Global Risk at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She is also the Legislative Director at the office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16). Prior to beginning her studies at SAIS, Zahraa graduated from Texas Wesleyan University in Political Science with a global emphasis, and a degree in English with a writing concentration. Additionally, she previously served as a Legislative Correspondent for Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33). She is emboldened by her experience as a refugee from Iraq, and a Muslim woman of color, as well as by global challenges of politics and inequality. Her life-long mission is to help dismantle inhumane systems, laws, and policies of oppression.



Faroukh Virani

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Scholar Statistics

Since our founding in 2009, ISF has awarded **\$1,900,000** in the form of **506** awards to **450** applicants, with **61** alumni receiving multiple awards. **Over 75%** of ISF alumni have jobs in media, film, law and public policy-related fields, illustrating the impact our supporters make year-in and year-out. ISF's alumni are changing policies and influencing public perception about Muslims and Islam—one student at a time.

Alumni Success

Our alumni have secured jobs at various reputable institutions, including:



Looking Toward 2022

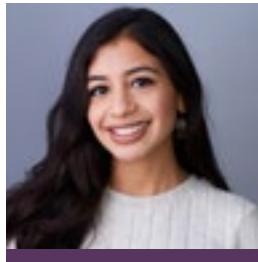
In the coming year, we look forward to expanded programming. Your support this year is vital to elevating ISF's impact, as well as to building the foundation to support the future successes of American Muslims. Together, with your support, ISF can realize its vision of an inclusive society where our community is represented across all echelons of society, industry, and government. Here's just some of what we're looking forward to in the year ahead:

- ◊ By the end of 2022, ISF will have awarded over \$2 million to over 500 American Muslims
- ◊ Place our first law students with federal, state, and district judges for semester-long summer internships through the first Muslim Judicial Internship Program in the nation
- ◊ Enable 15 American Muslims to be placed and funded as Congressional Interns on Capitol Hill
- ◊ Position two full-time Congressional Fellows for a paid nine-month-long position on the Hill
- ◊ Host the second ISF Alumni Conference featuring workshops, panels, and networking opportunities for our alumni
- ◊ Launch the ISF Media Fellowship
- ◊ Continue awarding films grants and distribution grants to Muslim filmmakers
- ◊ Expand our artist support for filmmakers and create an intensive writing fellowship known as the ISF Writers Lab



Alumni Spotlight

A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORLD OF ISF ALUMNI

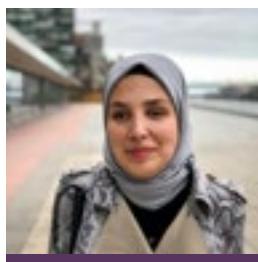


Lila Hassan

2019 Journalism Scholarship sponsored by the Safari/Heidari-Bateni Fund

Lila Hassan received an M.A. from Columbia University in Investigative Journalism and is currently an Ida B. Wells Fellow at Type Media Center. As a student, she freelanced for The Guardian and provided on-site production assistance for a PBS documentary series. Prior to attending Columbia

University, Lila was the Senior Middle East/North Africa Associate at Human Rights Watch, where she conducted background research and fact-checking for human rights abuses in the region and provided production assistance for all products. She then became a Reporting Fellow for Frontline PBS. Lila received a Journalism Scholarship from ISF in 2019. Two of Lila's projects won the prestigious George Polk Awards in Journalism in 2021, and she received a special mention in the National Television Reporting award.



Sara Minkara

2013 ISF Law Scholarship Recipient sponsored by ISF

Sara Minkara is a staunch disability rights advocate. She holds a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University. Sara recently joined the Biden-Harris administration as Special Advisor for International Disability Rights and was lauded in a White House press release: "Discrimination against persons with disabilities hinders economic development, limits democracy, and erodes societies. With Sara's leadership, the United States can play an important role in meeting these challenges and mitigating their harmful impacts on persons with disabilities globally." Sara is dedicated to using her experiences to inspire and create a support system for all visually impaired children to reach their full potential. Additionally, Sara is the President and Founder of Empowerment Through Integration (ETI). Her vision of ETI started in 2009 and she ran the first camp thanks to sponsorship through the Clinton Global Initiative Outstanding Commitment Award. The strategic planner of ETI and the inspiration, she keeps external communications active between ETI and its collaborators/potential sponsors.



Nafees Syed

**2011/2013 Law Scholarship Recipient sponsored by
Mateen Mobeen Foundation and the Ghobarah-Naqvi Family**

Nafees Syed has led teams on high profile cases and challenged Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme, and state electoral college systems. Her New York Times, CNN, and other columns have reached millions. She is currently a TV analyst for Dan Abrams' Law & Crime Network, where she covers high profile cases, including those related to the murder of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor's death. Nafees also prosecuted Serbian war criminals at the Hague and is a fellow at Yale Law's Information Society Project. Under the Obama Administration, she worked on an impeachment trial for the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and advised two U.S. Congress Committee Chairs – John Conyers and Eddie Bernice Johnson – both civil rights leaders. She holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a Doctor of Law degree from Yale Law School.



Iman Zawahry

**2009 ISF Film Scholarship Recipient sponsored by ISF
and ISF Film Programs Director**

Iman Zawahry is an award-winning filmmaker and Professor of Film Production at the University of Florida. She wrote and directed a film entitled "American-ish," which debuted in 2021. Previously, Iman worked with Bridges TV, the first American Muslim Television network, and as a freelance journalist. Her film "Tough Crowd" was awarded an Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Student Emmy Award and the Ft. Lauderdale International Film Festival Award of Merit. In 2008 Iman also received the Princess Grace Award.



**Congressional Policy Interns
2016 cohort from left to right:**

Bunyad Bhatti, Omar Alhendy, Rafat Khalaf,
Aziz Ahmad, Jenan Abuhakmeh



Iman Zawahry

ISF Film Programs Director
2009 Scholarship Recipient, Sponsored by ISF
Florida State University, Film

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A Message From the ISF Board

Dear ISF community member,

Last year was another successful year for ISF and we couldn't be more proud of all the strides we made. We have much to be thankful for, including YOU for your unwavering partnership and support, our alumni for their inspiring achievements, and our staff for their hard work and dedication.

While the ongoing pandemic forced us to move programs and operations online, we continued to expand our programs to support American Muslims. Progressing into 2022, we are looking forward to launching programs that will ensure that aspiring filmmakers, journalists, writers, law and policy students will not only receive financial support to complete their education but also receive mentorship, and have the opportunity to gain professional experience through impactful internships and fellowships.

As we continue to expand ISF's work, we look forward to continuing our partnership with all of you through 2022 and beyond. Each one of you is an integral part of the ISF community.

Your support today, and every day, is the reason why ISF is able to impact and change the lives of American Muslims – and the country they call home. Together, we can help change the cultural and social landscape in America for generations to come.

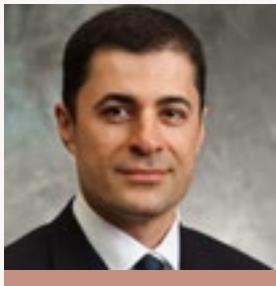
Sincerely,

Dr. Hamid Rezapour

Board Chair

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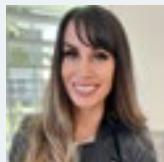
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Advisor



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Manager



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Manager



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Manager



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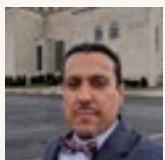
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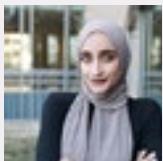
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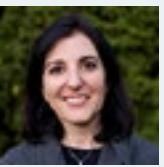
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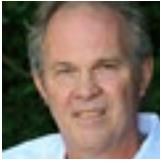
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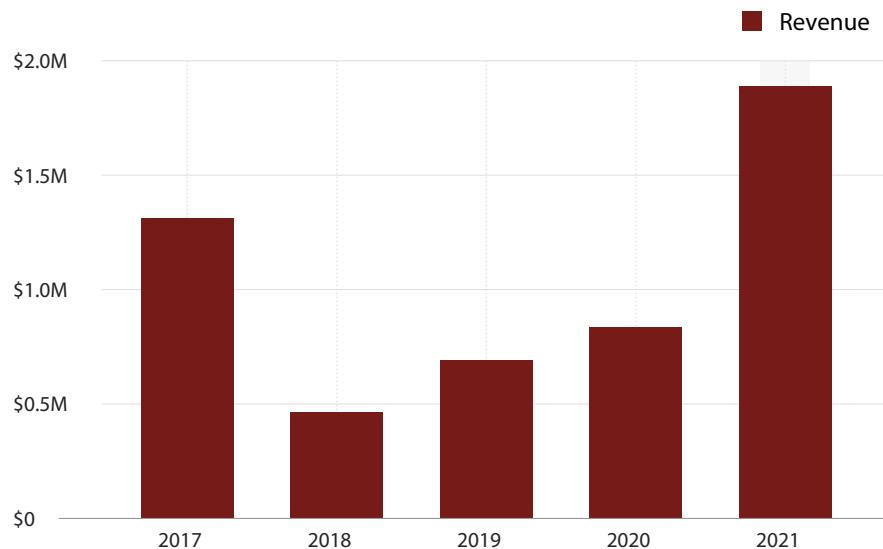
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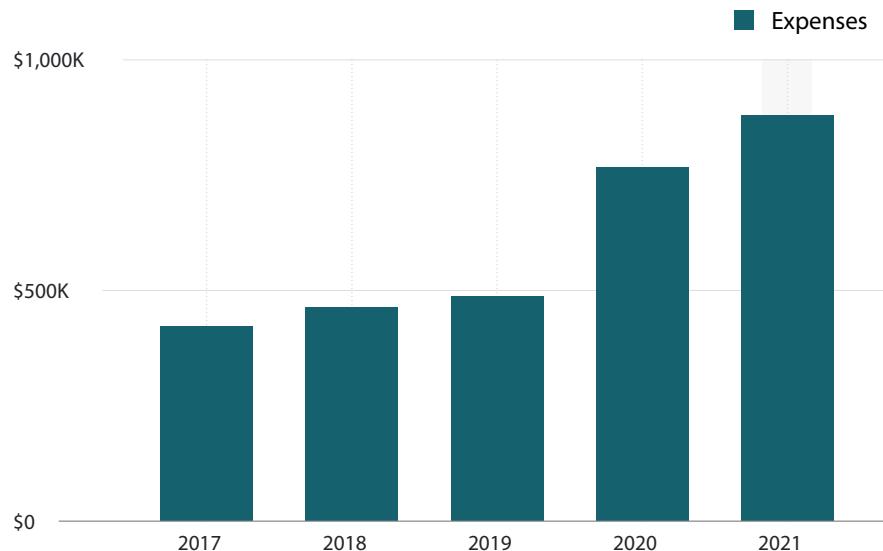
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NOTES

- ◊ Significant donation in 2017 due to endowment funding
- ◊ Increase in contributions to better serve existing and new programs

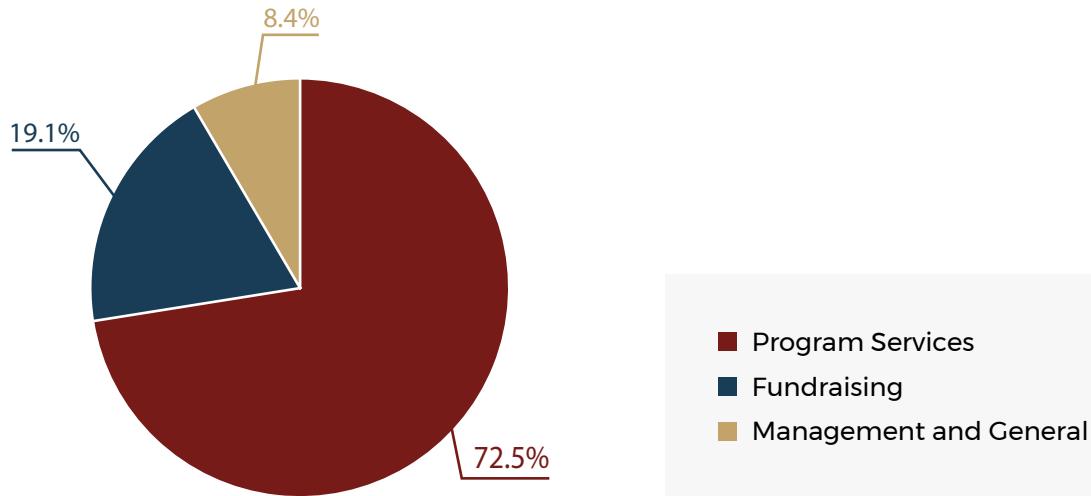
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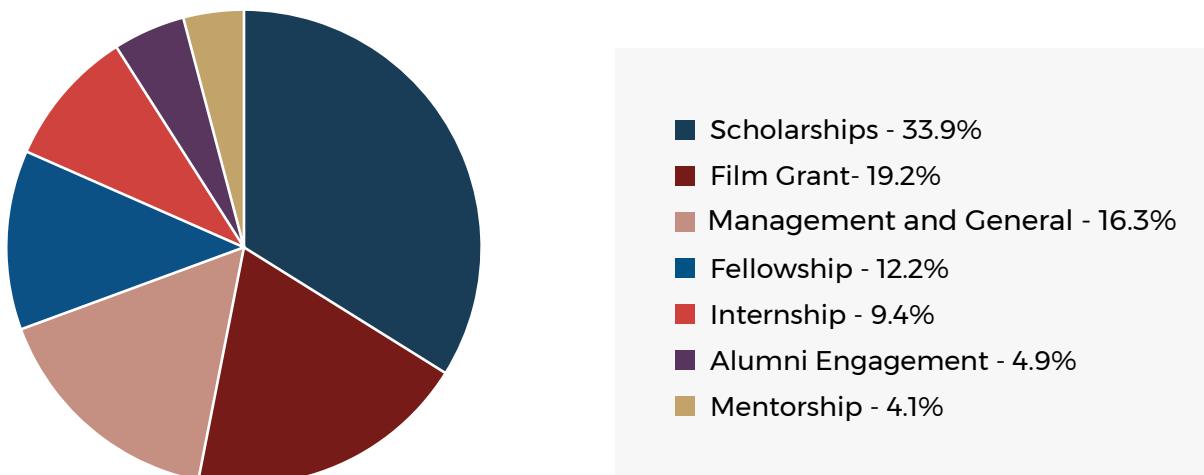
NOTES

- ◊ Steady increase in expenses to better serve existing and new programs

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