



# SIR SYED GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

*(Previously Sir Syed Emerging Scholar Award)*

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## Results of SSGSA for 2025-26

**(27 students from Aligarh Muslim University have been honored with the prestigious SSGSA Award)**

**June 02, 2025 (Boston, US)** - The Sir Syed Education Society of North America, a respected U.S. based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is proud to announce the selection of 27 exceptionally brilliant students and alumni from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) as recipients of the prestigious Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) for the academic year 2025–26.

This year, the SSGSA program received a remarkable number of high-caliber applications spanning diverse academic disciplines including Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Law, Science, Medicine, Life Sciences, and Engineering & Technology. Like all preceding years, each application was rigorously evaluated by three independent experts in the relevant fields. Following this thorough review, approximately 60 outstanding candidates were shortlisted for final-round online interviews.

Dr. Sajad Shiekh and Mr. Sachin Gupta, former SSGSA recipients and current co-chairs of the program, congratulated this year's awardees and reflected on the incredibly tight competition during the selection process. "It's been both uplifting and heartbreaking," they noted. "The talent pools this year was extraordinary—so many brilliant scholars, each with immense potential. But with limited funds, we were forced to make some very difficult decisions, supporting only as many as our budget allows. Therefore, we call upon students, alumni, and well-wishers to contribute generously. With more support, we can open more doors and help more exceptional minds reach world-class institutions and realize their dreams."

They also expressed deep appreciation to Prof. Naima Khatoon (current Vice-Chancellor AMU), Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg (Alumni-Affairs committee), and Mr. Omar Peerzada (Public Relations officer, AMU) for their continued support in facilitating SSGSA activities on campus. Special thanks were extended to the advisory board members, application reviewers, interviewers, mentors, volunteers, and well-wishers, whose unwavering dedication has directly enabled over 182 SSGSA scholars to gain admission to more than 135 universities across 22 countries in the last 19 years of the program's existence.

The selection process evaluated candidates holistically assessing academic performance, research and work experience, internships, and extracurricular achievements. A total of 13 different panels, composed of

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SSGSA team members from around the world and esteemed experts from academia and industry, thoroughly assessed the shortlisted candidates over two days.

The interview panel members included:

Panelist	Affiliation
Prof. Nahar Sultana	Ohio State University
Prof. Bushra Sabri	Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Syed Shabih Hasan	Taazaa Inc.
Dr. Ahsan Muneer	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Prof. Sarim Rehman	Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Dr. Mohammad Saleem Dar	National Cancer Institute
Dr. Israr Ahmad	University of Wisconsin Madison
Dr. Naushad Khan Ghilzai	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Prof. Arif Sarwat	Florida International University
Prof. Samina Salim	University of Houston
Prof. Asim Ansari	Columbia University
Prof. Nawab Hamid	Boston University
Dr. Yasmin Saikia	Arizona State University
Dr. Farhan Ahmed	Invista
Dr. Abu Hassan	Dow Chemicals
Prof. Nawab Ali	University of Arkansas
Dr. Ruchi Dana	Duluth Medical Technologies Inc.
Dr. Rahul Gupta	University of Gothenburg

Each SSGSA scholar will receive comprehensive support including funding for standardized tests such as GRE/GMAT and TOEFL/IELTS, as well as application fee coverage for up to five universities. Scholars are also paired with experienced mentors who guide them throughout the graduate school application process.

In its continued commitment to educational empowerment, the Sir Syed Education Society of North America will also extend mentorship and guidance to promising applicants who were not selected for the award this year, helping them advance toward their academic and professional goals.

For more information about the Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) and the Sir Syed Education Society of North America, please visit [www.ssgsa.us](http://www.ssgsa.us).

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The list of the selected 27 SSGSA scholars for the academic session 2025-26, in alphabetical order along with their faculty/department affiliation, is as follows:

## Executive Committee

Dr. Sajad Shiekh, Co-chair  
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Ms. Mahwish Zaman

Awardee	Faculty/Department
Adnan Mohammad Siddiqui	Applied Physics
Ahmad Shoeb Hashmi	Periodontia & Community Dentistry
Aiman Khan	English
Ansab Amir Khan	Management Studies
Daniya Shahid	Chemistry
Ifat Fayaz	Zoology
Isma Masoom	Geology
Jaseem K P	Botany
Juveria Rahman	Geography
M Kaab Bin Shahid	Computer Engineering
Mariyam Hameeda	Chemistry
Md Shahjahan	Civil Engineering
Midhat Shafi	Zoology
Mohammed Sarim	Computer Science
Mohd Faheem Ahmad	Computer Science
Munazzah Sajid	Psychology
Nasif Hussain	Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit
Nida Riaz	Commerce
Osama Nasir	Architecture
Sadqua Khatoon	Law
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