



SIR SYED GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

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Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) 2019-20 results

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Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) [www.ssgsa.us] family has announced the list of 25 selected SSGSA scholars for the academic session 2019-2020. SSGSA is administered by Sir Syed Education Society of North America. It is a USA based 501(C)(3) non-profit organization that has successfully mentored and placed around a hundred students of AMU in different graduate degree programs not only in the USA but also in other parts of world over last 13 years.

List of selected SSGSA scholars 2019-20 in alphabetical order (also available at SSGSA website http://ssgsa.us/assets/SSGSA_Awardees_2019-20.pdf):

1. Abdul Basit Khan (Zoology)
2. Abdul Hannan Faruqi (Mechanical Engg.)
3. Abdul Sabur Kidwai (English)
4. Ahmad Faraz Badar (Mechanical Engg.)
5. Ali Asad (Mechanical Engg.)
6. Amna Jalali (Commerce)
7. Ankur Singh (Physics)
8. Arish (Industrial Chemistry)
9. Arpit Jadon (Electrical Engg.)
10. Firoz Khan (Physics)
11. Ghania Fatima (Electronics Engg.)
12. Jeelani Inaam Ul Haq (Geology)
13. Mahmood Akbar (Biochemistry)
14. Md Tabish Kamran (Education)
15. Mohammad Irfan (Physics)
16. Mohammad Waquar Uddin Siddiqui (Industrial Chemistry)
17. Mohd Aquib Siddiqui (Commerce)
18. Noma Ahmad (Computer Science)
19. Nuha Abeer Khan (Biotechnology)
20. Sameera Mujahid (Biotechnology)
21. Shazia Imam (Economics)
22. Sidra Fatima (English)
23. Syed Husain Mustafa (Computer Engg.)
24. Tezuesh Varshney (Computer Engg.)
25. Zeba Karin Ahmad (Electrical Engg.)

Mr. Wasikul Islam, the current Chair and a past beneficiary of the SSGSA program said, “This year SSGSA team received a record number of applications from the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Science, Life Science and Engineering. Experts from each discipline graded the applications independently, and the short-listed students were invited for a written test and in-person interview on the AMU campus as part of a rigorous selection process.”

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This year, the interview panel consisted of, Prof. Asad Ullah Khan (Professor and Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit), Prof. Badar Alam Iqbal (Emeritus Professor, Commerce Department), Prof. Omar Farooq (Chairman, Electronics Engg. Department), Prof. Mohammad Rizwan Khan (Chairman, English Department), Prof. Parvaiz Talib (Dean Management Faculty), Prof. Nawab Ali Khan (Commerce Department), Dr. Raktim Abir (Physics Department) & Prof. Sartaj Tabassum (Chairman, Chemistry Department). The written test was conducted at the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit by Prof. Asad Ullah Khan's team.

Explaining the process, Mr. Ali Muzaffar, a past chair and a SSGSA awardee himself, said, "The final merit list was compiled by taking the average of all the grades obtained by the candidate. The selected scholars are exceptionally meritorious and possess immense potential to secure admissions in the US-based reputed graduate programs".

All the selected SSGSA scholars will be provided mentorship, the financial expenses in preparing for the required standardized tests (GRE/GMAT, TOEFL/IELTS), test fees & university application fees for up to 5 US universities.

Dr. Shaida Andrabi, founding Chair of program highlighted, "Those applicants, who couldn't make it to the final list will be provided mentorship and guidance by SSGSA team so they can also continue with their academic goals".

Mr. Syed Ali Rizvi, one of the founders of the program stated, "SSGSA is purely a merit-based program and fills an important need for students at Aligarh Muslim University. Though our program is primarily focused for US universities, some of our past scholars have been admitted to universities in 16 other countries including Canada, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Australia, Belgium, Netherlands etc."

SSGSA core team which consists of SSGSA-Chair Mr. Wasikul Islam (Oklahoma, USA), Mr. Syed Ali Rizvi (Boston, Massachusetts, USA), Dr. Saif Sheikh (Chicago, Illinois, USA), Dr. Rehan Baqri (Boston, Massachusetts, USA), Dr. Shaida Andrabi (Kashmir, India), Dr. Mohsin Khan (Washington DC, USA) & Mr. Ali Muzaffar (Irvine, California, USA) specially thanks its AMU campus coordinator Prof. Suhail Sabir, Department of Chemistry for supervising regular SSGSA activities on campus and feels grateful to all its advisory board members, application reviewers, interviewers, mentors, volunteers, donors and well-wishers for their continuous support to the program over the years.

The List of past successful students along with their university names is available at SSGSA website: <http://ssgsa.us/scholars.php>. Many of 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 SSGSA program as well.

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