

# SIR SYED GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

(Previously Sir Syed Emerging Scholar Award)

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### Results of SSGSA for 2023-24

(Aligarh Muslim University's 25 students awarded the prestigious Sir Syed Global Scholar Award)

May 26, 2023 (Boston, US) - The Sir Syed Education Society of North America, a reputable US-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, proudly announces the selection of 25 exemplary students and alumni from AMU for the highly coveted Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) for the academic session 2023-24.

The SSGSA program received an overwhelming number of exceptional applications this year from a diverse range of faculties including Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Law, Science, Medicine, Life Sciences, and Engineering & Technology. Each application underwent a rigorous evaluation process, carefully reviewed by three independent experts in the respective fields of the applicants. Following the thorough evaluation, a total of 72 outstanding candidates were shortlisted for the final round of online interviews.

Mr. Sajad Shiekh and Mr. Sachin Gupta, esteemed past beneficiaries and current co-chairs of the SSGSA program, extend their heartfelt congratulations to the esteemed awardees. They remarked, "The quality and competitiveness of the applications received were truly impressive. We are immensely proud to witness the exceptional achievements of Aligs. While we regret our limited financial resources constrained the number of recipients, we encourage the AMU fraternity to step forward and provide the vital financial support necessary to expand the program's reach in the forthcoming years. We would also like to express our gratitude to Prof. Tariq Mansoor (former Vice-Chancellor, AMU), Prof. Mohammad Gulrez (current Vice-Chancellor, AMU), Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg, and Mr. Omar Peerzada for their invaluable assistance in facilitating SSGSA activities on campus. Additionally, we extend our sincere appreciation to the advisory board members, application reviewers, interviewers, mentors, volunteers, donors, and well-wishers for their unwavering support throughout the years."



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The selection process meticulously considered various evaluation criteria, including academic performance, research or work experience, internships, as well as curricular and extracurricular activities. Total 11 different panels comprising SSGSA team members from different corners of the world, together with esteemed experts from academia and industry, meticulously assessed the shortlisted candidates. The interview panel members included:

Prof. Nahar Sultana (Ohio State University)	Prof. Samina Salim (University of Houston)
Prof. Bushra Sabri (Johns Hopkins University)	Prof. Asim Ansari (Columbia University)
Prof. Asadulllah Khan (Aligarh Muslim University)	Prof. Nawab Hamid (Boston University)
Prof. Tahir Hussain (University of Houston)	Prof. Aftab Ahmad (University of Alabama)
Prof. Sarim Rehman (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)	Dr. Zafeer Ahmad (ZA Consulting)
Prof. (ret.) Shakir Husain (Youngstown State University)	Dr. Abu Hassan (Dow Chemicals)
Dr. Wasikul Islam (University of Wisconsin Madison)	Dr. Rahul Gupta (University of Mainz)
Dr. Abhishek Royal (World Health Organization)	Mr. Haris Azmi (Sogolytics)
Dr. Israr Ahmad (University of Wisconsin Madison)	Dr. Shujaut Bader (Max Planck Institute)
Dr. Ruchi Dana (Duluth Medical Technologies Inc)	Dr. Syed Murtaza Abbas (Dassault Systèmes)

All the recipients of the esteemed SSGSA scholarship will be provided with comprehensive financial support and personalized mentors who will guide them through the application process for higher education abroad. The SSGSA scholars will receive assistance for the required standardized tests such as GRE/GMAT, TOEFL/IELTS, as well as coverage of university application fees for up to five universities of their choice. Interested 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.

Furthermore, the Sir Syed Education Society of North America remains committed to nurturing the talent and potential of all applicants who did not secure the award. The organization will extend mentorship and guidance to these individuals, ensuring that they receive the necessary support to pursue their academic goals and excel in their chosen fields.

For further information about the Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) and the Sir Syed Education Society of North America, please visit the official website at <a href="https://www.ssgsa.us">www.ssgsa.us</a>.



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The list of the selected 25 SSGSA scholars for the academic session 2023-24, in alphabetical order along with their faculty/departmental affiliation, is as follows:

#### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Sajad Shiekh, Co-chair

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Awardee	Faculty/Department
Adeeba Khan	Electronics Engineering
Amna Ansari	Psychology
Arshi Anees	Agricultural Science
Hafsa Haq	Zoology
Hina Firdaus	Architecture
Humaira Maryam	Biochemistry
Imad Uddin	Computer Science
Injila Sajid	Electrical Engineering
Irfan Mabood Khan	Electronics and Communication Engineering
Javeria Sajid	Electrical Engineering
Juvaria Zafar	Chemistry
Md Abu Shahyn Islam	Chemistry
Mohammad Ammar	Computer Engineering
Mohammad Nawaz Khan	Applied Geology
Mohd Umar Rehmani	Biochemistry
Mohd Yaqoob	Law
Nabila Hafeez	Electrical Engineering
Noor Fatima	Computer Science
Sadia Firdaus	Processing and Food Engineering
Saheefa Khan	Mechanical Engineering
Samreen Manzoor Tak	Sociology
Syed Areeb Ashraf	Chemical Engineering
Ufuq Haya	English
Waqas Ahmad Baig	Business Administration
Waqas Akhtar	Architecture