

Taqseer Khan's Success Story



My name is **Taqseer Khan** and I want to share story of my academic journey for a very special reason. I joined the Dept. of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University in 2002 in B.Sc. (Hons). Then I did M.Sc. in 2008 from the same department. After that I was looking for higher education opportunities abroad. I applied to MS program of the Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary. The CEU is an American university which is located in Hungary. There were around 4000 applicants from more than 100 countries for this program in 2009. Finally seven candidates were selected after a written test and interview: 3 Americans, 1 Swiss, 1 Russian, 1 Hungarian and 1 Indian. I was the one from India. It was a proud moment in my life. I was offered full fellowship to

study MS at the CEU but there was one hurdle in the way. Being from a very modest financial background, I was not able to afford my travel ticket to Hungary.

I was determined to study in Europe so I started searching for some resource which could help me with the travel ticket. Then I came to know about the AMU Alumni Association of Northern California and their scholarship program for AMU students. I contacted the association through their website. After learning my case and doing the necessary verification of documents and references the alumni association awarded me the scholarship to cover my travel cost to Hungary. It was the biggest moment in my life and a great help for me from the AMU Alumni Association. My education in Hungary opened the doors for future academic opportunities and broadened my horizons. I wish to thank the AMU Alumni Association of Northern California from the bottom of my heart for their generosity and for enabling me to realize my dream.

In 2016, I got an opportunity to carry out a short research training at the Ohio State University, USA as a visiting PhD scholar from the Aligarh Muslim University. During my stay in USA, the AMU Alumni Association people (who want to remain anonymous) were again helpful to me. They were always very concerned with my well-being and performance there. They became my mentor. The association is very much dedicated to help the AMU students who are in need. I will say that the association is doing a great job by helping the needy students at AMU and scholarship award from them had a big impact on my academic career!

Thank you all again

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