

THE MOMINA CHEEMA, AM '08 MEMORIAL GRADUATE TRAVEL AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP



Harvard graduate students are invited to apply for this summer grant which supports research and field-work in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh related to the study of Islamic law, philosophy, religion and/or culture. Preference shall be given first to graduate students in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

This fellowship was established by the Momina Cheema Foundation to honor the memory of Momina Cheema, who graduated in 2008 from Harvard with a master's degree in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations in the field of Indo-Muslim Culture. Momina Cheema was born in Lahore, Pakistan on September 25th, 1985 and raised in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United States. She was a speech champion and valedictorian at Jackson High School in Massillon, Ohio, graduated from Duke in 2007 with a B.A. in Literature prior to coming to Harvard, and was attending Law School at The University of Virginia with a judicial internship at the U.S. district court, Eastern District of New York at the time of her death.

The Momina Cheema Fellowship shall support:

- Stipend of \$1,000 per month for two months
- An accommodations allowance of \$500 per month
- Roundtrip air travel up to \$1500

Applicants should submit a short description of their proposed project (maximum 1000 words), making sure to address how it advances their research interests and academic goals, and the feasibility of the project within the parameters described above. In the narrative, please indicate other funding sources you are applying for or have received, (if any). A sharply focused project is encouraged, as are projects that break new academic ground. The successful candidate will be expected to submit a report of her or his activities as a Momina Cheema fellow to the Momina Cheema Foundation. In addition to the project description, all applicants should also submit a current resume/CV; two (2) letters of reference; and graduate school transcripts or grade reports.

The application deadline is April 1st, 2013. Applications may be submitted by email (preferred), by snail mail, or in person to: Joe Cook, NELC office, 6 Divinity Ave, Cambridge MA 02138.

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