

Newsletter of the Shimshal Trust, June 2017



1. Study report from Farzana Najeeb, scholarship student.

I am doing MPhil in Leadership and Management. The program duration is 2 years, 4 semesters and total 33 credit hours. I am done with 1 st Semester and recently completed second semester with high grads. I will be completing my study by June 2018. The course has covered diverse subject areas; including Educational Governance; Policy and practices, educational leadership for change, Philosophies of education educational resources. Each subject contains 3 credit hours. I have got A and B grads in the subject.

After completing MPhil program. I will have a chance to pursue my PhD degree. I want to study and do a research on educational policies for global development. Global development through education in my view is the oneness and interdependence of human society and develops a sense of self and appreciation of cultural diversity. I believe I can promote and inculcate these values in action to myself and to the youth of Pakistan, to participate in creating a successful and sustainable future for the nation and the world.

I plan to get involved in Pakistan and world's educational research forums/ institutions, public and private sector educational policy making Organizations and the curriculum designing. I will engage in research works and scholarly activities. I'm genuinely interested in seeking knowledge, inspiring and working towards same way for the development of my community and the whole society.

The first priority for joining university is to receive degree or academic qualification, but in my opinion, I think developing as a person and socially interactive are similarly important. As a student, I found the course of Educational Leadership and management (ELM) to be motivating. It not filled me with energy but also made me confident in discussing matters about education with my classmates, friends and family. Previously I was hesitating to share my ideas. I used to keep my opinions reserved but after joining BNU ELM made me to participate in class discussions, presentations, develop research and it actually gave me insight to professional and intellectual growth. I am keen to socialization, diversity, meeting people from different areas, culture and languages which I found in my campus.

I've been volunteering for student's counselling for sometimes, I found it very useful and rewarding as helping students and extra-curricular activity.

It has rightly said that Student life is mixture of joy and hardship. I am in a new city since last year, so I share a room with my friends. It was hard to share a room and manage at first, with doing my own laundry, ironing, and cooking but I get used to it.

I'm in the 2nd year of my M. Phil study; I have learned how to balance my academic and social life. I equally spend my time in visiting the sites and historical places of Lahore, participating in social works, study circles of different youth forum and library.

I had one semester grant from Shimshal Trust, small amount of money from my parents. I was working out to save for my living (rent) but due to the tough schedule of course works and assignments I quit part time work. I can feel that the financial situation is getting worst for students.

Sometimes I have money and sometimes I don't. It is blessing that my family come forward to bear a little bit expenses and morally support me towards my dream. University life is the best time of my life, i enjoy the hardship and fun times because it made me independent apart from home and stand on my feet to face any challenge. It's optimistic thing to do.

I would really like to thank Shimshal Trust for providing me the chance to get the scholarship. I used the scholarship assistance for one semester tuition fee. My family and I appreciate this gift, it was a great help to my family and me. Secondly, I suggest that the scholarship should be extended for the deserving students to complete their academic years. I appreciate the equal distribution of Shimshal trust scholarship to maximum students but in my opinion it can be awarded on the bases of grade level. As the level of education increases it gets costly, each level has particular needs. At university level; undergraduate and graduation is costly, students look for funds to help them fill the gaps, they need financial aid to fully cover the costs of books, lab, tuition fee for 2-4 years and accommodation. So the scholarship ought to be increased for university students.

2. Kiwi Maddad



Our next piece of good news is that Kiwi Maddad in Wellington is providing inspirational leadership in fundraising for these orphans, who are all staying at Hussn Bibi's hostel in Aliabad, Northern Areas. For the second year Kiwi Maddad have raised many thousands of dollars to allow these young women to be educated, housed and even to have a little money left over for shopping, buying new outfits for the Eid celebration.

The Trust extends its heartfelt thanks to these generous Wellingtonians for their kind donations.

3. I'll be in Pakistan for three weeks in September. Looking forward to seeing Hussn and the girls in the hostel. Also catching up with some of our scholarship students in Shimshal. I'd still be happy to have one or more companions on this journey.

Khuda hafiz, Pam