

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 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 from Harvard with a master's degree in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations in 2008. 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, and;
- An accommodations allowance of \$500 per month for two months OR accommodations at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), should the recipient be pursuing research activities in Lahore, Pakistan, and;
- Round-trip airfare to Pakistan.
- It may be possible to receive an additional allowance for in-country travel and accommodations, in coordination with the Momina Cheema Foundation.

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, along with two (2) letters of reference.

The application deadline is Friday, February 17, 2012. Applications may be submitted in person or by email to Joe Cook, NELC office, 6 Divinity Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138. Email: nelc@fas.harvard.edu.