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Shahnaz Rashid Receives Fulbright Award

Ms. Shahnaz Rashid of the University of South Florida has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) grant to Bangladesh. The Fulbright ETA program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Fulbright grant will cover the costs of round-trip transportation to Bangladesh and maintenance for the academic year.

Shahnaz is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Public Health. She represents the USF College of the Arts and Sciences where her academic achievements have been noted inside and outside of the classroom. Shahnaz has been a Resident Assistant on the USF Tampa campus for the past three years, Site Leader for a Bulls Service Break and a volunteer at the Benjamin Mendick Hope Lodge. She is the secretary for Rotarct and was a Residential Outreach and Communication Specialist with the USF Department of Housing and Residential Education.

Shahnaz will spend nine months teaching English in Bangladesh. While in Bangladesh, she plans to also volunteer at a hospital or health clinic in order to observe the differences and similarities between health care in Bangladesh compared to the United States. Shahnaz plans to bring the teaching and communication skills learned though the ETA grant and apply them to a future career in medicine.

The Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students to apply for national merit scholarships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, motivated and academically strong students who are leaders in and out of the classroom.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered by the Institute of International Education.