



## NOON ALUMNI PROJECT 2005-6

In 2004, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the creation of the Foundation, the trustees decided that it would be a good idea to try to discover just how former Noon Scholars had fared since their award. They were particularly keen not just to discover just how important the Noon award had been in the scholar's personal development, but also how the objectives of the trust were being met, in particular (i) to produce some analysis of where students originated from (the trust aim is to ensure as a wide range of awards as possible, commensurate with the excellence of the scholars, of course), and (ii) to assess how students had been able to contribute since their awards to the benefit and development of Pakistan.

The Chairman agreed to conduct a survey on behalf of the trust, aimed at reaching all the past 82 scholars and this was set up electronically and strenuous efforts were made to reach as many past scholars as possible, using official university records, existing data, and networks in Pakistan and Oxford. These efforts continued over the past 15 months and responses were received from about 26 Noon scholars, around a third of the total.

The results of the survey are summarised below, and do confirm that many scholars have gone on to achieve interesting posts, or to continue their studies. Not surprisingly a significant number are now based out of Pakistan, but it is gratifying that even a number of these still harbour a strong commitment to return to Pakistan to start new initiatives in various fields to the benefit of their country. This would certainly have pleased Vicky Noon, as it does the current trustees. The awards exist both to give bright if not brilliant young Pakistanis the very special chance to study at Oxford and Cambridge, but also to return to contribute to Pakistan's continuing development.

It is very much the intention of the Trustees that we continue this alumni project and try to reach others to extend the range of the survey. Please therefore help us by alerting other NEF Scholars who have not yet responded, and contact us with information about Scholars you know or can help us to locate. We will make a fresh push in the new year. Those Scholars who have responded we ask to keep in touch with us via the website and to send up updates about their progress. We hope to introduce a regular news and views update section on our website. We would like to create, eventually an active network of NEF alumni scholars to help further the aims of the Foundation.

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**A. Total number of Noon Scholars (1994–2006): 82****Statistics by:****(1) University\*:**

University	Total no. of scholars (to date)
Oxford	29 (35%)
Cambridge	53 (65%)
Total	82 (100%)

**(2) Gender:**

Gender	Total no. of scholars (to date)
Male	47 (57%)
Female	35 (43%)
Total	82 (100%)

**(3) Level of degree pursued and/ or obtained:**

<i>Degree level pursued and/or obtained*</i>	Total no. of scholars (to date)
Undergraduate (BA)	20 (24%)
Postgraduate taught (MSc, MPhil)	57 (70%)
Doctoral research (DPhil, PhD)	5 (6%)

*\* All former Noon Scholars have successfully completed their studies to date.*

**B. Total number of Noon scholars who responded:**

Gender	Number of scholars who responded
Male	15 (18%)
Female	8 (11%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 (29%)</b>

**C. Current Occupational Status from those who responded:**

Current Occupation	Number of scholars who responded
In Work	11 (48%)
In Education	11 (48%)
Unemployed	1 (4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 (100%)</b>

**(1) Key positions currently held by Noon Scholars in Pakistan:**

- **Yousef Habib** (Cambridge '03), *Lecturer at the National University of Science & Technology, Rawalpindi*
- **Mukhtar Aziz Kansi** (Oxford '01), *Educational Project Officer, UNICEF, Peshawar*
- **Ali Hasan Dayan** (Oxford '95), *Researcher on Pakistan and Bangladesh, Human Rights Watch, Karachi*
- **Syed Aatir Rizvi** (Oxford '04), *Visiting Fellow/Lecturer in Law, Lahore*
- **Sarah Fatima Zaka** (Oxford '00), *Research Analyst, Kashf Foundation*
- **Nilofer Qazi** (Oxford '94). *Consultant, Islamabad*
- **Hammad Rahman** (Oxford '02), *Consultant, World Bank, Islamabad \*\*\**
- **Afia Aslam** (Cambridge '04), --, *DFID, Islamabad\*\*\**

**(2) Key positions currently held by Noon Scholars elsewhere:**

- **Najia Mukhtar** (Cambridge '02), *Executive (Risk Assurance Division), PriceWaterhouseCoopers, UK*
- **Saira Nishtar** (Cambridge '99), *Legal Consultant, Kanoo Group, UAE*
- **Muhammed Tariq Khan** (Cambridge 03), *Investment Banker, Bank of America*
- **Amena Farooq** (Oxford '98), *Software Developer, Mizuho International, UK*
- **Muna Baig** (Oxford '02), *Resident Graduate, Bootham School, UK*
- **Alia Ali** (Oxford '01), *Gynaecologist, Toronto, Canada*

**(3) Key Academic Positions (post NEF Scholarship):**

- **Syed Hussaini** (Oxford '00), *Postdoctoral research, Emory University, USA*
- **Nadeem Ahmad Khan** (Oxford '04), *PhD research in Education, University of Nottingham, UK*
- **Farhan Feroz** (Cambridge '04), *PhD research in Physics, University of Cambridge, UK*
- **Amna Khalid** (Oxford '01), *PhD research in History of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK*
- **Samina Yasmin** (Oxford '02), *Postdoctoral research, University of East Anglia, UK (to begin in September 2006)*
- **Ali Abbas Syed** (Oxford '03) \*\*\*, *MPA International Development, Harvard University, USA (due to finish in August 2006)*
- **Rida Zaidi** (Cambridge '00), *PhD research in Economics, University of Cambridge, UK*
- **Nadia Masud** (Oxford '01)\*\*\*, *DPhil research in Economics, University of Oxford, UK*
- **Tehniyat Kardar** (Oxford '01)\*\*\*, *MSc in Development Economics, UCL, UK (completed in September 2005)*

\*\*\* Details to be confirmed.

**D. Towns of origin of successful NEF Scholars estimated by order of frequency of):**

- (i) Lahore
- (ii) Islamabad
- (iii) Karachi
- (iv) Peshawar
- (v) Faisalabad

**E. Institutions of origin of successful NEF Scholars estimated by order of frequency):**

- (i) University of Peshawar
- (ii) Lahore University of Management Sciences
- (iii) University of Karachi
- (iv) University of Punjab
- (v) Kinnaird College, Lahore
- (vi) Edwards College, Peshawar
- (vii) National University of Computer Sciences (FAST-NU)
- (viii) Institute of Leadership and Management, Karachi
- (ix) King Edward Medical College, Lahore
- (x) NWFP Uni of Engineering Technology, Peshawar
- (xi) Lahore School of Economics

**ANNEXES****Annexe I: Former scholars who responded:**

- (1) Muna Baig (Oxford)
- (2) Amena Farooq (Oxford)
- (3) Sarah Fatima Zaka (Oxford)
- (4) Samina Yasmin Zia (Oxford)
- (5) Farhan Feroz (Cambridge)
- (6) Muhammad Tariq Khan (Cambridge)
- (7) Shakeel Ahmed Imtiaz (Cambridge)
- (8) Aziz Mithani (Cambridge)
- (9) Saad Kamil Mian (Cambridge)
- (10) Syed Aatir Hussain Rizvi (Cambridge)
- (11) Abdul Moeed Mudassir (Cambridge)
- (12) Syed Raziullah Hussaini (Oxford)
- (13) Ali Dayan Hasan (Oxford)
- (14) Nadeem Ahmad Khan (Oxford)
- (15) Nilofer Qazi (Oxford)
- (16) Raheel Ahmed (Oxford)
- (17) Mukhtar Aziz Kansi (Oxford)
- (18) Saira Nishtar (Cambridge)
- (19) Najia Mukhtar (Cambridge)
- (20) Alia Ali (Oxford)
- (21) Yousef Habib (Oxford)
- (22) Amna Khalid (Oxford)
- (23) Rida Zaidi (Cambridge) ?

**Annexe II: Former scholars who did not respond:**

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| (1) Saira Akhtar          | (22) Mohammad Ali Lotia      | (44) Adnan Zahid       |
| (2) Yaser Mohammad Khan   | (23) Atif Aziz               | (45) Zuhair Iftikhar   |
| (3) Sakander Raouf        | (24) Uzma Zahoor             | (46) Sohaib Shamim     |
| (4) Jabril Abid           | (25) Shahid Ali Khan Durrani | (47) Saad Rizvi        |
| (5) Afia Aslam            | (26) Siraj Rashid Khaliq     | (48) Amina Hassan      |
| (6) Jaffar Mohammad Khan  | (27) Zahid-ur-Rahman         | (49) Rehan Hussain     |
| (7) Maha Kauser           | (28) Faraz-ur-Rahman Khan    | (50) Zahra Sohni Khan  |
| (8) Sara Malkani          | (29) Fatima Farooq           | (51) Aisha Anees Malik |
| (9) Sulema Jahangir       | (30) Khurram Iqbal           | (52) Sumaira Noreen    |
| (10) Ahsan Shahzad Mir    | (31) Farah Zahra             |                        |
| (11) Madiha Mansoor Ahmed | (32) Ayesha Samad Chaudhry   |                        |
| (12) Sara Khan Khattak    | (33) Mehnaz Malik            |                        |
| (13) Sadaf Altaf Chaudhry | (34) Mahmood-ul-Hassan       |                        |
| (14) Bushra Asif          | (35) Shaista Ehsan Khilji    |                        |
| (15) Sumera Saeed         | (36) Talat Mushtaq           |                        |
| (16) Mansoor Shakil       | (37) Haris Aziz              |                        |
| (17) Shandana Gulzar Khan | (38) Asma Hussain            |                        |
| (18) Mohammad Usman       | (39) Shahzad Umar            |                        |
| Azman Khan                | (40) Afshin Choudhry         |                        |
| (19) Omar Sial            | (41) Kiran Chaudhry          |                        |
| (20) Farah Hafeez         | (42) Reza Sultan             |                        |
| (21) Saeed-ul-Hassan Khan | (43) Rashid Mehmood          |                        |