

# 2019 Asma Jahangir scholarship awarded to the top-ranking female Chevening scholar

This annual scholarship, which was launched last year, honours the legacy of the late human rights champion Asma Jahangir. Each year the scholarship is awarded to the top-ranking female applicant in the competitive recruitment process.

Presenting the new scholarship, the British High Commissioner Thomas Drew said:

It is an honour to award the Asma Jahangir Scholarship to this year's top Pakistani female Chevening scholar, Hadiya Aziz.

I am delighted that Hadiya has secured a place at the University of Sussex to study Criminal Law and Justice.

This scholarship is a tribute to the remarkable work that Asma Jahangir did for the rights of women, children and oppressed people. We hope that the award will help the next generation build on her legacy.

Speaking at the event, Hadiya Aziz said:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the British High Commission for bestowing upon me this highly prestigious and overwhelming Award.

For me, Asma Jahangir will always remain an icon, mentor and legend in the legal profession. She inspired so much passion and courage in me. From here on, I will strive to follow her example in achieving my goals to bring about reform in the justice system in Pakistan. My own practice, successes and wins will always be a tribute to the legacy of Ms. Asma Jahangir.

Chevening scholarships are awarded to outstanding emerging leaders to pursue a one-year Master's programme at any UK university. The scholarship programme provides a unique opportunity to future leaders, influencers, and decision-makers from all over the world to develop professionally and academically, to build networks, to experience UK culture, and to form lasting positive relationships with the UK. This year, 53 Pakistanis have been awarded Chevening scholarships.

## **More information**

The application window for the 2020/2021 Chevening scholarships is open now. Potential candidates should visit [the Chevening website](#).

## **Further information**

Chevening scholarships are the UK government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The scholarships support study at UK universities – mostly one year master's degrees – for individuals with demonstrable potential to become future leaders, decision-makers, and opinion formers.

Chevening began in 1983 and has developed into a prestigious international awards scheme. There are over 50,000 Chevening Alumni around the world who comprise an influential and highly regarded global network.

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