

My journey with the Foundation began at a time when I was seeking both direction and opportunity. I had the ambition to pursue a master's degree abroad — to deepen my education and expand my future options — but limited resources and guidance on how to take the next steps.

The Shams Family Foundation stepped in with financial support that allowed me to study in Lisbon and complete my master's degree. But more importantly, they offered mentorship — a relationship that added depth to the opportunity they had created.

Over the years, Mr. Kamruddin Shams became a trusted guide and mentor. His involvement went beyond academics. Through consistent conversations and thoughtful advice, he helped me clarify my career path, strengthen my decision-making, and develop a clearer understanding of how I want to contribute through my work.

What sets the Shams Family Foundation apart is their commitment to personal development alongside academic advancement. Their model is not just about scholarships — it's about cultivating individuals who are capable, purposeful, and positioned to make meaningful contributions in their fields and communities.

I believe that foundations like Shams are vital — especially in regions like ours (Tajikistan and Pakistan where talent and potential often go unsupported. They create long-term value, not only for the individuals they fund, but for the broader social and professional ecosystems those individuals go on to influence.

Thanks so much Nadima

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