The Eltoukh Family Fellowship for Graduate Students in Engineering at Stanford University

Building Bridges between the West and the Middle East through Engineering Education

Vision: Established in 2012, the Eltoukh Family Fellowship aims to educate the best technical minds in the Middle East and promote the understanding and tolerance of cultural and religious differences among people through shared academic experiences.

Stanford University: Stanford’s School of Engineering prides itself on both the strength of its programs and the strength of its students. Currently, approximately 60 percent of our graduate students come from outside of the United States. International students add to the intellectual rigor of the school and bring cultural diversity to its student life. Historically, these students have been a robust source of talent to the United States and particularly Silicon Valley.

History: Dr. Atef Eltoukh came to the United States from Egypt to study engineering at the University of Illinois, and went on to attain great success in both academia and engineering. He believes that his graduate education played a seminal role in his success. Both of his sons, Helmy and Ahmed, attended Stanford Engineering. He and his family hope the Eltoukh Family Fellowship at Stanford will provide others with the educational opportunities that benefitted them, and that it will encourage the brightest technical minds from countries in the Middle East to apply to Stanford.

Academic Merit: Stanford University awards graduate financial aid based on merit. Although not all students can be fully supported in the first year of their graduate study, the very top students admitted to the school’s graduate programs are offered fellowship support. Faculty advisors and mentors are encouraged to recommend their best students for admission to Stanford programs.

Geographical Focus: Students from Egypt will be the fellowship’s highest priority, but support may also be extended to students from neighboring countries including Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Algeria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Somalia, Morocco, Palestine and Mauritania, along with students from Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Malaysia.

The Eltoukh Family Fellowship represents just a portion of the substantial financial support that Stanford provides to its graduate students. Stanford encourages qualified students from all these countries to apply for its graduate programs, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Stanford Admissions Procedures: Graduate students apply to individual department programs. Fellowships such as the Eltoukh Family Fellowship will be included in the department’s offer of admission; no separate application is accepted. For information about applying to any of the ten Engineering programs at Stanford, please visit http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu.