Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship at International House, UC Berkeley

The Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship was established in 2006 by the Eltoukhy Family Foundation, with the goal of bettering the relationship between the East and the West and with the aspiration of furthering awareness of the understanding and tolerance of cultural and religious differences among people on both sides.

Dr. Atef Eltoukhy serves on the International House, Berkeley Board of Directors. Dr. Eltoukhy is the Chairman of Aurum Capital Management, a family office in Woodside, CA. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at the American University in Cairo. Formerly, he was a professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, a scientist at IBM in San Jose, and an entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, where he co-founded two companies in the digital storage industry and took them public. Dr. Eltoukhy authored many patents/publications in the semiconductor and magnetic thin film deposition technology. In the early 1990s, he launched a new career in investment management, wherein he co-founded two registered entities in San Francisco: a broker-dealer and an investment adviser. Dr. Eltoukhy's education includes a Ph.D. from University of Illinois and BS and MSc degrees from Cairo University. He was also a graduate student and an instructor at the Materials Science Dept. at the American University in Cairo. His current philanthropic activities under the Eltoukhy Family Foundation include building a school in Sharkia, Egypt and sponsoring endowed fellowships for the benefit of Egyptian/Middle Eastern students at UC-Berkeley as well as at Stanford University. In addition, the Eltoukhy family has sponsored the Atef H. and Fofa A. Eltoukhy Endowed Scholarship at the American University in Cairo for the benefit of talented and deserving Egyptian students.

The Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship provides first year or continuing doctoral students at UC Berkeley with the following support during their academic year of study: tuition and fee waiver; US $5,000 stipend; and single occupancy room and board, including intercultural activities at International House for the academic year. The Fellowship is awarded to one student annually. Announcements are made between April and June for studies to begin in August of each year.

The 2014-15 Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellow is Ahmed Bakhaty (pictured above right), originally from Egypt, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Civil & Environmental Engineering.

Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship Eligibility Guidelines:
Students are eligible for consideration if they have been accepted as entering first year doctoral students at the University of California, Berkeley and have demonstrated financial need. If there is no eligible first year applicant, the fellowship will be awarded to an eligible continuing doctoral student. In reviewing admitted UC Berkeley students nominated for the Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship, highest priority is given to students who are citizens of Egypt or otherwise have a strong affiliation with Egypt. Second preference will be given to students who are citizens of or otherwise have strong affiliation with Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Algeria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Somalia, Morocco, Palestine (Gaza and the West Bank) and Mauritania. The third preference will be given to students who are citizens of or otherwise have strong affiliation with Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan or Malaysia.