



Salma Elmallah, The 2017-2018 Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley



Salma is a graduate student in the Energy and Resources Group, coming to Berkeley from Edmonton, Canada, where she completed her undergraduate degree in electrical engineering at the University of Alberta and worked in the energy industry for two years. With Egyptian background and citizenship and having previously lived in Kuwait, Salma is excited to bring perspectives from Canada and the Middle East to I-House and UC Berkeley. While living at I-House, she's looking forward to exploring the Bay Area, meeting other students, and participating in I-House's unique programming.

Her interests include renewable energy integration and energy access. Besides her research and academic interests, she enjoys volunteering, particularly with groups that serve refugee and immigrant populations, reading, photography, and art and design.

From her Nomination:

We believe Salma embodies the ideals of the Eltoukhy fellowship, fostering increased awareness of the principles and beliefs of Islam and the Muslim peoples. She has shown leadership skills in multiple volunteer organizations, including a position with the Islamic Family and Social Services Association (IFSSA). Bilingual in Arabic and English, she conducted and transcribed long-form interviews in English and Arabic to determine the accessibility and quality of existing social services to the Islamic community, many of whom were refugees or newcomers. She also participated in a leadership role in a model United Nations, and has won multiple awards, fellowships and citations as an undergrad in Engineering.



The Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellowship was established in 2006 by the Eltoukhy Family Foundation, with the goal of bettering and improving the relationship between East and West, and with the aspiration of furthering increased awareness of the principles and beliefs of Islam and the Moslem peoples.

Dr. Atef Eltoukhy served 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.