



Zunaid Omair, The 2016-2017 Eltoukhy East-West Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley



I am Zunaid Omair, from Bangladesh. I completed my B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, with Summa Cum Laude in the class of 2016. In my undergraduate thesis, I worked on designing plasmonic biosensor. I will be joining Berkeley Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (EECS) as Ph.D. student from Fall 2016.

I love to travel, make new friends and taste new cuisines. I was selected to travel to India as a part of Youth delegation 2016. There I had the opportunity to meet the honorable President of India. It also gave me the opportunity to visit four states, taste delicious foods and most importantly, make new friends. I hope to enjoy my stay at Berkeley International House, through experiencing a diverse culture, know about the beautiful places around the world and of course, by making lots of friends. I am sure that this stay will be an unforgettable memory.



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.