

Bonnie C. Minsky Award



Thank You

The School of Public Health is committed to educating future public health leaders in order to have an impact on local, national and global health issues. We recruit and educate a diverse student body, many of whom are first-generation college students. With more than 70% of students needing financial support, merit and need-based scholarships are essential in attracting and retaining the best and brightest students. Your generous contribution to scholarships makes it possible for students to thrive academically, gain valuable experiences and graduate with the skills and knowledge needed to make a positive impact on society. We are deeply grateful for your dedication to the success of our students and the future of SPH.

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Tasneem Ali

My name is Tasneem Ali and the Minsky Award is crucial for me because receiving this award makes me feel recognized for my dedication to public health. Thank you for supporting my pursuit of an Master of Public Health degree because it validates my efforts, provides financial relief and fuels my motivation to address health disparities. With this award, I aim to enhance my skills, become a more effective leader and contribute to healthier, more equitable communities.

At UIC's School of Public Health, recently I presented my work at the Public Health Improvement Training conference and shared it with over 100 public health practitioners, which was a proud moment for me. Speaking to such a diverse audience and being able to explain my findings was exciting and humbling at the same time. This experience reminded me why I'm so passionate about public health and motivated me to keep working towards improving community health outcomes. The school's emphasis on addressing health disparities resonate with my passion for making a tangible impact on underserved communities.

After graduation, I plan to work in health departments to improve community health. My goal is to develop and implement effective public health initiatives that address local health challenges and promote wellness. By working closely with community members and stakeholders, I aim to create sustainable health programs that improve access to care, reduce health disparities and enhance the overall quality of life for the communities I serve.

Sincerely,

Tasneem Ali
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