



# VICKY NOON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Dear Noon Scholar,

Over recent years, the Vicky Noon Educational Foundation has worked hard to reach former Noon Scholars to gauge how our awards have impacted on your subsequent lives and your relationship with Pakistan, always a key factor in the original thinking of our Founder to set up the trust.

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Scholarship programme with an Oxford dinner. Since then, the Trustees have agreed to help develop a Noon Scholars Alumni Society and to host a high-level reunion to which all past scholars would be invited. This was originally to take place in 2019-20 but with Covid and instability in Pakistan we have had to defer this for several years.

We are now planning this event for February 2024 in Lahore – which would mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first Noon awards, now given to more than 225 brilliant scholars with more than £6 million of support from the Foundation and matching grants.

The Trustees had a very successful tour in Pakistan in January 2006 – to mark 10 years since our first award – and hosted a series of smaller reunions in Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore. We would also wish to repeat that in 2024.

We are also engaged in extending our Survey of past scholars and to reach out as many of our Noon Scholars as we can in the coming months. We hope we can also improve our work by learning more about where you are now and how the Noon award helped you on your way.

We are also upgrading our website and allow all Noon scholars to help us post information about them, as appropriate. In these ways we expect our network can develop into a useful alumni body for Pakistan:

- So first, could you please help take our **Survey** – it should take about 10 minutes – available on the following link: <https://forms.gle/Ug5dh5nkasGQZ2TF9>
- Please also share your various **contact details**, and let us know if you might be interested or willing to join our planned event in Lahore in 2024.
- If you are in touch with **other Noon Scholars**, please forward this letter to them, and share their emails with us, so we can include them in our exciting plans. Colleges are now reluctant or unable to share such information about former students.
- Please also register for our **Alumni Society**, and let us know if you might be willing to serve on the committee, which will set up and run future events.
- Please visit **our website** at [www.noon-foundation.org](http://www.noon-foundation.org) and send us contributions and comments.

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With best wishes,

**Dr Paul Flather / Chair, VNEF**