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American student **Fahiya Rashid**, who is currently a student in the interdisciplinary Master's in South Asian Studies program at Heidelberg University, is this year's recipient of the Heidelberg University U.S. (HAUS) scholarship. Following her Bachelor's degree in International Studies at the University of California, Irvine, the 25-year old has come to Heidelberg's South Asia Institute in October for the two-year Master's program. Her studies focus on political science, South Asian history and development economics. The scholarship provides \$5,000 for the Winter Semester 2016–2017. Heidelberg University **President Bernhard Eitel** awarded her the certificate during a small ceremony in November, which was also attended by Silke Rodenberg, Head of Heidelberg Alumni International, and Irmintraud Jost, Executive Director of Heidelberg University Association.

Fahiya is delighted to receive the scholarship for her studies at Heidelberg, where she has already met many people from various countries and cultures. Her studies at the South Asia Institute and experiences made with other cultures will prepare her for her professional goal of working as a foreign service officer for the United States. "I would like to build bridges between different cultures," explains Fahiya. As an American of Bangladeshi descent, Fahiya wants to explore how societal and economic factors have contributed to the steady increase in terrorist activities in Bangladesh and what can be done to address it. Prof. Dr. Rahul Mukherji will be supervising her Master thesis, for which she's already carried out research in Bangladesh.

Special thanks go to the American alumni who donated to the HAUS scholarship, which is given to one student each year for the winter semester. It is aimed at students in the U.S. who will study in Heidelberg for an exchange or degree program. Bachelor students receive \$3,000, while Master's students receive \$5,000.