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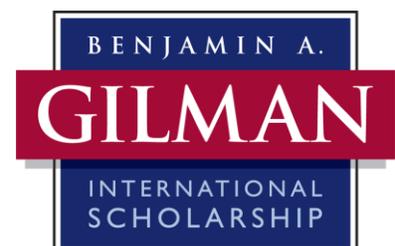
- Public Health at the Ohio State University
- Gained exposure to India’s healthcare system from the primary level through tertiary care system
- Conducted rural and tribal village health assessments
- Selected for Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Indonesia



Spending a semester in Manipal, India showed Siham the possibility of merging public health and preventative care as a healthcare practitioner. While in India, Siham took courses in global public health and Indian culture, taking site visits to a pasteurization plant, water treatment plant, community health center, HIV/TB clinic, and a women’s institute that conducted research and empowered rural women to learn about their health. She conducted community health assessments in both rural and tribal villages to understand stigmas associated with disease.

Upon her return from India, Siham conducted outreach to the Morrill Scholar community, Somali Student Assocation and Program for Advising in Scholarship and Service sharing information on study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship. She was selected to receive a 2016 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Magelang, Indonesia, and directly connects her time in India as a Gilman Scholar to giving her the foundation to build upon her passion for global public health.

“My time abroad opened my eyes to how important it is to develop myself as a global citizen and my time in India was my first step in achieving that identity.”



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