



Pitt State Hosts Students from UGRAD-Pakistan Program



The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD)-Pakistan Program, is a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department with funding provided by the U.S.A. government and administered by IREX, that provides students the opportunity to study at universities across the U.S.

This semester, Pitt State was chosen to receive two students from the prestigious program; Aiman and Moazma Khan.

“We are always honored to be chosen to host students from the prestigious UGRAD-Pakistan program at Pitt State,” Aaron Hurt said. “The

students we receive from the program are always of the highest quality and excel in every area of student life at Pitt State. Aiman and Moazma have successfully started off their semester in classes and have become involved on-campus, so I know they are excellent additions to the list of students we are proud to have hosted from the UGRAD program.”

The fully-funded students spend one semester placed at an American university where participation in undergraduate classes and community engagement help “...strengthen their leadership, academic, and career-preparedness skills while building relationships with Americans,” according to the IREX website. According to the IREX website, the “Participants return home as engaged leaders committed to tackling pressing challenges in their communities and fostering greater understanding between people of the United States and Pakistan.”

Moazma, who studies medicine in Pakistan, first became aware of the program at medical school and when she heard she was selected, she “felt like a dream has been materialized.”

When she heard about being placed at Pitt State, she did research and was pleased with her placement.

“My happiness knew no boundaries when I checked out the courses and also the events,” she said. “Until now I've learnt a lot from Pitt State. (I am) hoping to have best time here. (I am) proud to be a Gorilla.”

Moazma said she is grateful for the direction and guidelines from the UGRAD-Pakistan advisors has helped her transition smoothly to PSU.

“The cooperative environment and helping guideline by advisors truly helped a lot,” she said.

So far, the students said they have been enjoying their time at Pitt State and have been able to attend various events and make many new friends.

“I've loved and liked almost every pinch of PSU so far, but My favorite part is the cooperative staff,” Moazma said. “They have helped out me in everything. From courses to... joining clubs to attending orientations everything went so smooth. Really looking forward spending best time here.”