

## **Salma Ayoub Wins 2018 IE JoyLynn Hailey Reed Graduate Student Achievement Award**

[Austin, TX—April 12, 2018]: We are pleased to announce that Salma Ayoub, a Biomedical Engineering doctoral student, has been selected as the recipient of the 2018 JoyLynn Hailey Reed Graduate Student Achievement Award (\$1000)—an award recognizing an outstanding graduate student mentor in UT's Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) program.



"The IE Pre-Grad Program," says Salma, "provided me with a unique platform that allowed me to see firsthand the effect that sincerity and sensitivity can have on students and people in general. Having a good understanding of others, being honest, empathetic, and compassionate are traits that prove to be valuable not just as a Graduate Student

Mentor, but in all areas of life. I am honored to receive the JoyLynn Hailey Reed Outstanding Graduate Student Achievement Award and hope to use what I learned in the IE Program to continue making an impact through mentorships in engineering and medicine".

In the words of one Salma's IE interns: "I strongly believe that the exemplary positive mentorship I have experienced from Salma has had an immeasurable impact on my professional passion and commend her for it. One of the goals of the IE program that has resonated with me through my experiences as an IE Kuhn Scholar and through engaging young students through events such as Explore UT and Engineering Girl Day is the concept of educating citizen-scholars who not only understand the importance of personal success but of fueling engaged, robust, and diverse communities. Salma is a mentor who truly impacts others to be active, intelligent profound leaders."

Another one of her IE interns notes: "When I asked Salma to be my mentor for the IE Pre Grad Internship Program she immediately said yes. She was also very excited for me. You don't find mentors with that excitement very often. Being a mentor is a choice—you don't have to be one. The amount of time, dedication, and effort that you put into building a relationship with your mentee also depends on you. Salma reached out to me and continues to support me day by day. She is an extremely busy individual but she still makes time for her mentees."

Read more about the JoyLynn Hailey Reed Graduate Student Achievement Award:

<http://diversity.utexas.edu/news/2015/10/14/ie-joylynnhaileyreed-endowment/>