

## MOSAMMAT Faria Afreen

Mosammat Faria Afreen graduated from Brandeis University with a dual BS/MS in Biology, including a BS in Neuroscience and a minor in Chemistry with highest honors. While there she worked at the Haber Laboratory where she studied DNA repair mechanisms and as a

teaching assistant for two classes, Genetics and Behavioral Neuroscience. Faria's passion for science and education extends beyond the university: she has volunteered for various organizations, including the Museum of Science in Boston and the HMS MedScience. Stemming from her own and classmates' experiences, Faria has been an ardent advocate for justice and equity in education since high school. She previously worked as a research assistant at Boston Children's Hospital where she was involved in a project to understand epigenetic factors involved in intellectual disability. For the past year, she has been teaching at the Poznań University of Technology on a Fulbright Scholarship. Her long-term goal is to become a physician-scientist: practicing as a neurologist in developmental medicine, studying mechanisms of disease in the lab, and advocating for her patients and students along the way. Outside of the lab, you can find Faria organizing for housing justice in her hometown with Project Right to Housing.