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T. **Personal Statement** (Please structure your essay in paragraphs and limit your response to 250 words, single-spaced. Essays that exceed the word limit are penalized in the scoring.)

Tell us about yourself and your goals including the following:

- What about you background and/or interests make you competitive for this particular institute (please be as specific as possible)?
- What will you contribute to the group?
- How do you expect this experience will affect your future academic and professional career?

Hailing from urban background from one of the metropolitan city, I got a chance to enroll in reputable educational institutions. I am one of those fortunate youth who received information about SUSI, and I am also among the ones who aim to attain this opportunity. Being lucky enough to get quality education throughout my life, I wish the same for my fellow youth that are getting education in the underprivileged institutions. Especially the youth of rural areas of Pakistan do not have the access to the quality education and this drives me to get myself empower enough to be able to work for the educational reforms in my country. I am an active social worker, community contributor, traveler, and have been involved with various volunteer forums.

In the group, as a representative, I will as a change agent to remove all the negative stereotypes and to present the brighter side to my own country fellows to my host colleagues. Being selected in this program, I would be the first one from my family, who would be cognizant of the modern techniques and methodologies to address.

I will be able to visit different Educational institutions to learn about American government system and its policies. This will help me in understanding different cultural perspectives, Self-development and awareness, interaction with diverse people, and student relationships as well as improving language skills and broadening my social horizons. On my return, I will replace and implement efficient policies regarding education in my native city.

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U. Short answer questions

The short answer questions are an essential part of the selection process. Please structure your response using paragraphs and limit your response to 150-250 words.

1. If you had the opportunity to implement one policy at the national level in Pakistan, what would that policy be, and why?

If I had such opportunity, that Policy would have been to "Devise an educational Policy that promote equality in educational standards at national level, and negate disparities among people that segregate them due to the difference in their educational system." Good and quality education is considered as one of the basic necessities of life and are also considered as the major fundamental right of every human. But Unfortunately, the students of Pakistan are not getting same quality of education at all. I am living in the area where there are almost 5 secondary level Governmental Schools, which unfortunately do not offer quality education as compared to private schools. It is mostly because the government education system still follows obsolete procedures, weak governance and less qualified teachers. Resultantly, the students of government schools still lack the contemporary skills of learning. As **Martin Luther King, Jr. said "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – That is the goal of true education"**. Therefore, to enhance and reform the overall education system in Pakistan, there is a dire need to eliminate the huge gap between the education systems of private and governmental sector and hence, the policy that I would have implemented, would have played an important role to fill in this gap.

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2. What is one initiative that you would personally like to start at your local neighborhood or community level? What support will you need, and who can you enlist to help you? How would you measure the success of your initiative?

Being a student of Computer Systems Engineering in one of the most renowned University in Pakistan and after learning new skills through this exchange program, I aim to use my knowledge and skills to enhance the educational system of the government schools by selecting one of them as a '**Model School**'. I propose to equip that model school with the contemporary technological facilities by installing a fully equipped computer laboratory and offering to impart my knowledge and skills to the students as well. This will certainly enable the students to connect with the world and will offer them new opportunities of learning. For example, it can help them in global learning through online tutorials, enhance their mathematical or science skills through technologies of digital simulations and modeling and can also help teachers in more efficient and computerized assessments of the students. To initiate this project, I would require full support from the Government Education Department and partial support from an International NGO. I would prefer to propose this project and work closely with UNICEF or Save the children to implement this. I would also like to make a team of likeminded fellows to make it a success.

For measuring its results, I would do a comparative or assessment study after a year, between the students of the Model School and other government schools to analyze the impact of the project. This study may contain methods including surveys, semi-structured interviews or Focus Group Discussions with the students and teachers.

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