

# Scholarship honors legacy of late economics professor Dr. Bela Mukhoti

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The Dr. Bela Mukhoti Scholarship in Economics will recognize full time students at Rowan University studying Economics in

the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Born in Dhaka, India, Dr. Mukhoti spent most of her early years inspired by learning and education through her brothers, as women were not permitted to attend school. She strongly valued education and strove to make a difference not only for women, but for students who wanted to pursue lesser-known career paths—such as a career in economics.

“I really wanted to follow up on her wish to give back to Rowan since it was a huge passion of hers,” said Fleming. “She really wanted to do something for the economics department to expand on its limited resources and yield more attention to the amazing work its students are doing.”

Although a variety of awards are available to freshmen at Rowan, Fleming and his family wanted to create an opportunity exclusively for upperclassmen studying economics. “You don’t see as many scholarships offered to upperclassmen,” said Fleming. “I know my grandmother would have loved to see this fund benefit a student with the same type of interest and love for economics that she had. We really want to recognize someone who is showing promise in the department and who could use this to make a lasting impact in the field.”

The scholarship will provide students with the skills and resources needed to excel in today’s business world. Awards will be given to upperclassmen with a minimum 3.0 GPA, with a preference given to students who serve as research interns within the Southern New Jersey Research Institute for Economics and Politics. The first recipient will be selected for the 2017-18 academic year.