

The Ali Saeed Memorial Award

About Ali Saeed:

Born in Islamabad, Pakistan Ali Saeed studied Economics and Political Science at the University of Toronto. Ali was a beacon of positivity and friendship for those who knew him. Always smiling, he was a force of nature on campus and dedicated his time outside of classes to work with organizations including Hart House, the Arts and Science Students Union, and Intramural Cricket Team. Ali was a strong advocate for student issues and active in the realm of student politics, where he often bridged political and ideological divides between groups.

Despite his countless commitments, Ali was a dear friend to the SSICsim conference. While his brother Umer Saeed served as Co-Secretary General in March 2014, Ali used his connections and knowledge of campus life to support the conference through its planning stages.

On May 10th, 2014 Ali's sudden and tragic passing left SSICsim with a debt that cannot be repaid. Therefore, in honour of his friendship and contributions this award was created to enshrine Ali's legacy at the conference. We hope that his example will inspire SSICsim's delegates, staff, and Secretariat to live life with the same passion, dedication, and positivity Ali brought to everything he did.

About the Award:

The Ali Saeed Memorial Award was established in September 2014 in memory and celebration of Ali Saeed, a dear friend of the SSICsim conference.

This award is presented to recognize one or more outstanding staff members who show exemplary commitment, dedication, and positivity in their work on the

conference. The Ali Saeed Award focuses on the ability of an individual to inspire inclusivity and happiness around them through their attitude and approach to others.

Each year prior to the SSICsim conference, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, a committee consisting of members of the Secretariat and friends/family of Ali Saeed will be convened to select an award recipient(s). Award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition and a print of a photograph taken by Ali Saeed.