The Graduate School is pleased to CONGRATULATE Raeuf Roushangar, a Ph.D. student in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, for being a finalist in the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship competition!  http://www.pdsoros.org/

The Soros award criteria include:

- A New American (a naturalized citizen, green card holder or DACA recipient if born abroad; a child of naturalized citizens if born in this country).
- Not yet 31 years old, as of the application deadline.
- A college senior or holder of a bachelor’s degree.
- Not beyond your second year – if already enrolled – in the graduate degree program for which you request support.

Selection criteria emphasize creativity, originality, initiative, and sustained accomplishment.

The program values a commitment to the constitution and the bill of rights.

Thirty Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans will be awarded in March 2015 on the basis of a single national competition.

Each fellowship supports up to two years of graduate study – in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program – in the United States.

Each award is for up to $25,000 in maintenance grants and up to $20,000 in tuition and fees or 50% of required tuition and fees/year.

INFORMATION ABOUT RAEUF:

Raeuf Roushangar, a PhD candidate at Michigan State University, has been selected as one of seventy-seven finalists for The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans 2015 class of Fellows. The finalists were selected amongst a pool of nearly 1,200 applicants, all of whom are immigrants or the children of immigrants who are pursuing graduate education in the US. Raeuf, along with all of the finalists, will take part in the Fellowship’s interviews, which are the final stage of the selection process. In April, the organization will announce the 30 new Fellows, who will receive up to $90,000 grants each to pursue graduate studies at
U.S. universities. Raeuf is the only finalist who attended MSU as an undergraduate, and the only finalist who attends MSU as a graduate student.

Raeuf received a B.Sc in Biochemistry from MSU in the summer of 2014. As an undergraduate at MSU, he was awarded the Larry D. Fowler endowment research fellowship and the Pamela J. Fraker research scholarship. The scholarships allowed Raeuf to work on his own project as a research assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Brian Schutte. In September 2010, he founded Generate Help 2 Heal Generations (GH2HG), a non-profit organization committed to helping poor communities around the world prevent needless death. To date, GH2HG has collected and shipped more than $500,000 worth of medical supplies from the US to poor communities worldwide. For his work and leadership, Raeuf was awarded the 2012/13 MSU Leader of the Year, Clinton Global Initiative and Martin Luther King awards.

He was born in Oman—a small country on the Persian Gulf—to an Iranian father and an Egyptian mother and was raised by his single mother in Egypt. He left Egypt and traveled alone to the United States arriving in Michigan, few years ago, with only $600. During the first six months, he was homeless.

Raeuf is currently a first year Biochemistry and Molecular Biology PhD student at MSU. Working in the laboratory of Dr. George Mias where his research focuses on “omics” technologies and their applications in personalized/precision medicine. By working to create mathematical models to integrate various omics datasets, Raeuf believes with this work we will improve diagnostic testing, medical decision-making and future individualized patient healthcare.

The Graduate School also recognizes and thanks Dr. Pam Fraker who helped Raeuf with his application!