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Shamsunnaher is doing her Ph.D. research on molecular techniques for abiotic stress of rice.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:
Shamsunnaher believes her research organization will be directly benefited from her Ph.D. work since Bangladesh is currently facing both drought and submergence problems every year. This knowledge will help to develop other stress tolerance or resistance rice variety also.
In her spare time, Shamsunnaher likes to spend time with her daughter. Some of her hobbies include reading books, cooking, gardening, and travelling. While she is in the U.S., Shamsunnaher enjoys connecting with family members over the phone.