

Abdulla Eid



Abdulla Eid was not sure that he wanted to be a mathematician until high school, when an excellent teacher discovered his talent. When Abdulla sought advice about attending university, his teacher counseled, "I am not advising you to study mathematics; I am *asking* you to do so." Thus, Abdulla began the journey toward becoming a mathematician.

Abdulla was born in Manama, the capital of Bahrain. Mathematics had always been his best subject, and his teachers provided him with extra challenging material. He led his high school math team to a win in their first National Mathematical Competition in Bahrain.

He studied mathematics and computer science at the University of Bahrain, where he earned a bachelor's degree, with honors. While an undergraduate, he participated in the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC-ACM) for the Arab and North African regions.

Upon graduation, Abdulla spent one year in Germany at the Berlin Mathematical School. This was a formative period for Abdulla, during which he confirmed his desire to become a mathematician. While in Berlin, he completed courses at all three Berlin Mathematical Schools: Technical University (TU), Humbolt University (HU) and Free University (FU). His professor, Dr. Jürg Kramer of HU, not only trained Abdulla in mathematics, but mentored him on how to become a successful mathematician.

Thanks to his International Fulbright Science and Technology Award, Abdulla can now pursue his dream of earning a doctorate. He believes the time he spent in Berlin has prepared him to join the Mathematics Department of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His current research interests include Algebraic Geometry, Computational Algebraic Number Theory and Computer Algebra.