



Gupta Family StartWise Scholarship

The Gupta Family StartWise Scholarship was established in 2019 by Sara Milles Gupta, UCSB EAP Denmark '01. Sara is a first-generation student who earned her degree in Biology through the College of Creative Studies. Sara describes her time in Denmark as one of the most impactful and important experiences of her life. While abroad, she learned to love and respect all of the people and cultures she was exposed to, cultivating diplomacy and the art of truly listening while being able to respectfully challenge ideas and cultural norms. These are skills that have served Sara well in her career.

Following a trip to Africa a few years ago, Sara felt compelled to help pave the way for others to experience their own profound journeys outside of their comfort zones. **Upon her return to the States, Sara and her husband, Roshan, established the *Gupta Family StartWise Scholarship* which supports first-generation UCSB students studying abroad in India, Africa or Latin America.** For Sara, "as a multi-cultural family, we see first-hand how important and personally enriching building awareness and acceptance for other cultures can be."