



## Georgia Southern University Names Third Annual Yamaha Rightwaters™ Conservation Scholarship Recipient

*Samin Yasar Pursuing Master's Degree in Biology*

STATESBORO, Ga.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))-- Samin Yasar is the recipient of Georgia Southern University's third annual Yamaha Rightwaters™ Conservation Scholarship. Supported by an ongoing endowment from Yamaha Rightwaters, the scholarship awards \$5K annually to a student who exhibits outstanding efforts and commitment to improve coastal sustainability. Yasar is currently pursuing a master's degree in biology through Georgia Southern's College of Science and Mathematics, where he is building his knowledge about microbial ecology and public health.

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"Samin's work represents exactly why we established the Yamaha Rightwaters Conservation Scholarship. His research into microbial dynamics in oysters advances academic understanding of marine ecosystems and delivers real-world benefits for sustainable aquaculture and the protection of oyster habitats," said Joshua Grier, Sustainability Program Manager, Yamaha U.S. Marine Business Unit. "Healthy oyster populations are vital to coastal environments. They filter water, provide habitat for countless marine species and support local economies. By supporting students like Samin, we help ensure innovative science continues to drive conservation and restoration efforts at the heart of our mission."

Yasar earned his bachelor's degree in microbiology from North South University, one of the leading institutions in Bangladesh. His research at Georgia Southern University, conducted with Dr. John Carroll, explores the dynamics of pathogenic bacteria species in oysters harvested from coastal Georgia. The project examines how bacteria populations fluctuate over time under different grow-out methods, the effects of post-harvest handling on bacteria concentrations, and how concentrations change following aerial exposure and re-submergence. The findings aim to reduce the risk of bacteria-related foodborne illnesses, strengthen consumer confidence in seafood safety, support public health efforts and benefit oyster farmers. After Yasar earns his master's degree, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biological sciences, continuing his research on microbial pathogens and their environmental impacts.

"Receiving the Yamaha Rightwaters Scholarship is an honor that allows further focus on my research," said Yasar. "In the short term, I hope to collaborate with other scientists, publish my findings and contribute to a better understanding of bacterial ecology and public health. Long term, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. and a career in academia where I can continue this work and mentor the next generation of researchers."

Georgia Southern University will open applications for the 2026/2027 Yamaha Rightwaters Conservation Scholarship in the spring of 2026. Interested candidates may apply within their <http://my.georgiasouthern.edu/> portal.

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Yamaha Rightwaters is a national sustainability program that encompasses all of Yamaha Marine's conservation and water quality efforts. Program initiatives include habitat restoration, support for scientific research, mitigation of invasive species, the reduction of marine debris and environmental stewardship education. Yamaha Rightwaters reinforces Yamaha's long-standing history of natural resource conservation, support of sustainable recreational fishing and water resources and Angler Code of Ethics, which requires pro anglers to adhere to principles of stewardship for all marine resources.

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