Sabiba Ali Al Auffi, a working wife and mother, is doing her research studies at Leibniz University in Germany.

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MUSCAT: She is a mother, but that doesn’t deter this young Omani woman from aspiring and accomplishing goals.

As part of her studies at Caledonian College of Engineering, final year undergraduate Sabiba Ali Al Auffi undertook research studies at Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany. Sabiba spent two months in Hannover under the direction of Prof. Detlef Bahnemann, on the recommendation of Prof. S. Feroz, her supervisor, who is research professor at the college. During her time at the Leibniz University, Sabiba attended seminars and worked with a team of PhD students on a project on ‘Photo Catalytic Degradation of Pollutants’.

This enterprising young lady received sponsorship through the Ministry of Higher Education, and is an example of the talent of young Omanis. Sabiba is a working wife and mother, and receives great support from her family, supervisors, and Schlumberger Oilfield Company, as she combines all these roles with that of a high achieving student at Caledonian College.

Sabiba says, “Ever since I joined Caledonian I wanted to do something different, unique, and with my own efforts that would be useful and benefit my country”.

During her period in Germany, she interacted with researchers from other countries and learnt many new techniques through laboratory experimentation, literature search and analysis, and using specialist equipment that was unique.

“It was hard work, with long hours, at times stressful, but immensely rewarding,” Sabiba stated. “I feel my project has been successful, and has application in waste water treatment and pollution reduction”. “This remarkable young lady has the energy, qualities and determination that may be an example to others as to what one can achieve,” said officials at the college.

This is the second such placement that Caledonian has completed. Last year Hussain Ali Al Salmi, did research at Nanotechnology Integrated Bio Engineering Centre (NIBEC), University of Ulster, in Northern Ireland.

Prof. McIntosh, Dean at Caledonian College commended the students and the teams on their achievement, and stated that the college wishes to enhance such opportunities for undergraduates as a means of widening horizons, and demonstrating internationally the talent of young Omanis.