



QATAR FOUNDATION AND QATAR SHELL SIGN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CO-FUNDING AGREEMENT

Partnership will support student research projects focused on addressing Qatar's priorities

Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation (QF) today signed an agreement between QF and Qatar Shell which will see the energy company co-fund Qatar National Research Fund's (QNRF) Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP).

The signing ceremony was held at QF Headquarters in Education City, and attended by Her Excellency Sheikha Hind and Andrew Faulkner, Managing Director and Chairman of Qatar Shell Companies.

As one of the research funding programs of QF member QNRF, UREP supports undergraduate students from universities across Qatar to conduct research under the mentorship of their professors in areas of direct relevance to addressing Qatar's national priorities, aligning with QF's mission to develop human capital through investment in education, science, research, and innovation. Under the agreement, UREP will become a QNRF-Qatar Shell co-funded program.

Her Excellency Sheikha Hind said: "The value of partnership is illustrated through its capacity to harness expertise, enable the exchange of knowledge, and maximize multisectoral efforts designed to address national challenges.

"QF recognizes that building such partnerships can amplify the impact of our mission to support the development of Qatar, and the agreement signed today is a reflection of this belief in the power of collaboration. The co-funding of our Undergraduate Research Experience Program will support young scientists and innovators to pursue and realize their ideas under expert mentorship, equipping them to play their part in developing effective and impactful solutions that help to build a diverse and sustainable economy for our nation."

Mr. Faulkner said: "At Shell, we champion open innovation and partnerships with locally-based research institutions and universities.

"Under the agreement, Qatar Shell will not only co-fund UREP but also provide in-kind support by leveraging the R&D expertise from Qatar Shell Research and Technology Centre (QSRTC). This is also aligned to Qatar Shell's objectives to contribute to the Qatar National



Vision 2030 and our shared commitment to foster the research and innovation ecosystem through collaboration and knowledge transfer.”

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Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, science and research, and community development.

QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF’s world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation’s development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

For a complete list of QF’s initiatives and projects, visit www.qf.org.qa

Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)

Driven by the aim of fostering a culture of research in Qatar, QNRF was established in 2006 to advance knowledge and education by acting as a support system for researchers.

QNRF, a member of Qatar Foundation, administers funding for original, competitively selected research and furthers collaborations within academia, the public, private, governmental and non-governmental sectors through effective, mutually beneficial partnerships. While QNRF actively seeks internationally-recognized researchers, it is



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