

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development

About Qatar Foundation

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. By offering lifelong learning opportunities, fostering a culture of innovation, and empowering the local community, QF is investing in Qatar's future and contributing to a better world for all.

History of Qatar Foundation

QF was established in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. They shared the visionary idea to provide Qatar with quality education for all.

Our Focus

QF focuses its efforts on the core mission areas of Pre-University Education; Higher Education; Research, Development, and Innovation; and Community Development.

The Qatar Foundation Story

Our non-profit organization provides specialized programs for the advancement of Qatar and its people through our unique, innovation-focused ecosystem of education; research, development, and innovation; and community development.

We began with a vision to provide Qatar with quality education – a vision that has now been realized. Our priority has always been to develop human capital and to invest in Qatar's future.

"Since its inception in 1995, Qatar Foundation (QF) has been a crucial component in developing the talents of our young people and building a strong and sustainable economy for future generations," said Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation.

Now, more than two decades after its inception, QF has created the foundations for education; research, development, and innovation; and is continuing on its journey to make a positive impact, locally and internationally.

At QF, everything starts with education. It is how we began. We believe education is a lifelong journey, and that innovation in education is vital to cultivating ideas. By providing an environment that enables the delivery of quality education, we encourage people to develop and become active citizens, where their desire to seek out knowledge is nurtured.

Education City, QF's flagship development, serves as a hub of academic excellence and houses a range of educational facilities, from QF schools to partner universities and our homegrown higher education institution, Hamad Bin Khalifa University. Through our partnership model with international universities, we have brought top-ranking programs and specializations to Education City that reflect the areas of relevance to Qatar.

Together, these offer high-quality educational opportunities and enable us to empower and support young people from their first day of school, all the way through to advanced postgraduate studies. Our multidisciplinary higher education system produces an immensely competent and diverse workforce that is serving the needs of our country and who will become the future leaders of Qatar.

"Education touches the life of every citizen and resident of Qatar. Everyone deserves a good education, and we would like to, at the very least, give every young person the opportunity to reach their full potential," said Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation.

Education is just the beginning of what we do. At QF, we recognize that the only guarantee of prosperity for any country is the ability of its people to develop, adapt, and innovate. Our emphasis on science, research, and innovation enables students to become researchers and entrepreneurs in areas of priority for our country. From energy and environment to computing and biomedical research, we continue to make breakthroughs as we establish an innovation hub for Qatar, the region, and the world. Today, our work supports the creation of multi-faceted ecosystems that leverage education, research, industry, and the private sector.

Community development also lies at the heart of everything we do. Our various initiatives and projects are designed to address the needs of our society by promoting lifelong learning and fostering social engagement, while embodying Qatari culture and heritage. Our partnerships with local and international organizations help achieve social and economic prosperity by building stronger communities.

All of our work addresses Qatar’s immediate national priorities through embracing technology and change through innovation.

As we have grown, so have our projects and programs, and as they strive to reach their full potential, some are enabled to continue their development independently. We are extremely proud of what we have achieved together, and will always remain committed to supporting all of the programs within our foundation as we work to build a self-sustaining legacy for our nation.

At QF, we believe that, with hard work and dedication, there are no limits to what we can achieve. We endeavor to create an environment that encourages both personal initiative and collaboration by bringing talented people from across Qatar and the world together. It is only through each of us sharing knowledge, skills, and capabilities that we can drive innovation across all of our projects to ultimately deliver world-class results.

Our commitment to these shared principles and goals is founded on our desire to come together as one community to build a bright future for our nation by supporting a diverse sustainable economy as we strive to make a difference to the world we live in today.

Qatar Foundation – Our Focus Areas:

Pre-University Education (PUE)

We lay the foundation for lifelong learning, and empower future generations to thrive in a global environment.

- Our unique education cycle at QF caters to children from the age of six months old through to postgraduate students. This range of academic diversity is unlike any other system in the world, and offers residents of Qatar and the region meaningful and unique learning opportunities. PUE is the beginning of QF’s education cycle, and fortifies the organization’s commitment to lifelong learning.

PUE has created schools and devised curricula in Qatar that support diversity, catering for the needs of Qatar’s varied community. These include the five Qatar Academy schools in different locations throughout Qatar, a range of specialized schools serving different needs, and a school-to-university ‘bridge’ program.



As of the end of the 2018-19 academic year, QF schools have graduated 4,761 students. In the 2019-20 academic year, 6,235 students of 57 nationalities are enrolled in QF schools.

Qatar Academy schools

Qatar Academy Al Khor (QAK) QAK was established in September 2008. It offers national and international programs at kindergarten and elementary levels.

Qatar Academy Al Wakra (QAW)

QAW was founded in 2011, and offers preschool, elementary, and middle school education. QAW strives to provide the highest possible standards of education, which enables every student to achieve excellence and develop as an independent critical thinker, a lifelong learner, and a responsible citizen.

Qatar Academy Doha (QAD)

QAD was established in 1996, as QF's first school. It is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and the Council of International Schools. The school offers academic excellence through Primary, Middle Years, and IB diploma programs.

Qatar Academy Msheireb (QAM)

Qatar Academy Msheireb was established in 2014. To ensure all its students succeed, QAM utilizes Response to Intervention and Positive Behavior Intervention Support approaches.

Qatar Academy Sidra (QAS)

QAS opened in September 2012. It offers primary and secondary school education, from early childhood through to Grade 12.

Specialized schools

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A progressive school that offers education based on each student's interests with an emphasis on experiential learning. The school offers a globally unique individualized learning model to young children.

Awsaj Academy

Awsaj Academy was established in 1996 and is a K-12 specialized school that addresses the needs of students with mild to moderate learning challenges. Awsaj Academy is the only school of its kind in Qatar, and one of only a handful of schools worldwide dedicated to working with students who have demonstrated aptitude in certain areas while facing academic challenges in others.

Education Development Institute (EDI)

The EDI plays a vital role in the QF PUE vision of 'Leading Learning'. The areas of professional learning and development, curriculum, and coaching and leadership are the core of its work, leading to student growth and achievement. EDI serves as a center of excellence by supporting the growth and development of the education community within Qatar and internationally. EDI supports educators in Qatar, including faculty, administrators, and staff who are seeking to engage in the best and most promising practices designed to improve student achievement.

Renad Academy

Renad Academy was launched in 2016 and is an educational facility dedicated to helping children who have been diagnosed with mild to moderate Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). QF's vision is that the center will provide education and specialized services to students, training and support to parents, and establish for the community a center of best practices for people with ASD.

Qatar Academy for Science and Technology (QAST)

QAST, launched in 2018, is an advanced academic program for accomplished students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Qatar Leadership Academy (QLA)

QLA opened in 2005, and is a school that aims to promote personal growth in young men by engaging them in academics, military discipline, leadership skills, and athletics. QLA follows a US curriculum model, with a full high school program in Grades 9-12.



Tariq Bin Ziad School

Combining cultural values and local heritage with world-class education, the school – which has been brought under the umbrella of QF’s Pre-University Education – is designed to nurture homegrown talent capable of contributing to Qatar’s development, and to cultivate global citizens.

Studies program

Academic Bridge Program (ABP)

The Academic Bridge Program was established in 2001 and is a rigorous, two-semester general studies program that focuses on English, math, science, and computer skills. Studies in these four areas help ensure students make a successful transition from high school to university.

Higher Education

We offer diverse, world-class higher education opportunities that produce graduates who serve the needs of our country and beyond.

- Education City is QF’s flagship development, housing eight international partner universities and our homegrown higher education institution, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU).
- HBKU provides access to high-quality, research-focused education that caters to the needs of Qatar, promoting a culture of national excellence.
- As an integral part of our culture of excellence; QF also collaborates with world-class international academic institutions, hosting specialist branch campuses within Education City.
- These partnerships provide the national economy with high-quality students and graduates, capable of leading Qatar into a new era of diversification and progress in areas of study most compatible with the needs of an advancing Qatari economy.
- The universities that offer specialist undergraduate and graduate degrees are Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar, Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, Georgetown University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and UCL Qatar.

Partner universities

Through its partnership model with international universities, QF has brought top-ranking programs and specializations to Education City in areas of priority relevant to Qatar.

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q)

CMU-Q joined Education City in 2004. CMU-Q offers undergraduate programs in Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Computational Biology, Computer Science, and Information Systems. A total of 859 students have graduated from CMU-Q, which has 410 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q)

GU-Q was established in 2005. It offers a holistic four-year Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service degree in one of four majors: International Economics, International Politics, Culture and Politics, and International History. Students follow the same curriculum as their peers at Georgetown's campus in Washington, DC. while taking part in experiential learning activities and benefiting from world-class facilities and individual interactions with their professors. A total of 505 students have graduated from GU-Q, which has 337 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

HEC Paris in Qatar

HEC Paris in Qatar was established in 2010. Courses on offer include Master's programs, Summer School, MBA, PhD, Executive MBA, TRIUM Global Executive MBA executive short programs, and customized executive education programs for companies. HEC Paris launched Qatar's first international Executive MBA, and also provides a Specialized Master's Degree in Strategic Business Unit Management. A total of 722 students have graduated from HEC Paris in Qatar, which has 117 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q)

NU-Q was founded in 2008 and offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Journalism and Strategic Communication, and Communication. It also offers students the opportunity to earn a minor in Middle East Studies and a minor in Media and Politics. Additionally, students can earn a certificate in Strategic Communication. A total of 349 students have graduated from NU-Q, which has 379 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.



Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ)

TAMUQ's campus was established in 2003. The university offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Petroleum Engineering. The university began offering graduate degree programs in Chemical Engineering in 2011. A total of 1,086 students have graduated from TAMUQ, which has 543 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

UCL Qatar

UCL Qatar opened a campus in Qatar in 2010. It offers a rigorous and dynamic learning environment, with an MA in Library and Information Studies and an MA in Museum and Gallery Practice. A total of 284 students have graduated from UCL Qatar, which has 65 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUarts Qatar)

Established in 1998, VCUarts Qatar was the first international partner university to open in Education City. VCUarts Qatar offers students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design, graphic design, interior design and painting and printmaking, a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in design. A total of 764 students have graduated from VCUarts Qatar, which has 323 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q)

WCM-Q was established in 2001 as a partnership between Cornell University and QF. WCM-Q's innovative six-year program of studies leads to the Cornell University MD degree. The two-year pre-medical curriculum focuses on basic sciences relevant to medicine, while the four-year medical curriculum follows the highly successful program of Weill Cornell Medicine in New York. A total of 384 students have graduated from WCM-Q, which has 314 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)

HBKU was founded in 2010. It houses three national research institutes: Qatar Biomedical Research Institute, Qatar Computing Research Institute, and Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute. HBKU's academic portfolio is tailored to meet the needs of the local community, inspiring



Qataris to continue their pursuit of education with a diverse offering of degrees, Master's programs, and PhD courses.

HBKU's educational efforts comprise six colleges and an entity devoted to executive education: the College of Health and Life Sciences, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, College of Islamic Studies, College of Law, College of Public Policy, College of Science & Engineering, and the Executive Education Center.

A total of 956 students have graduated from HBKU, which has 807 students enrolled in the 2019-20 academic year.

College of Health & Life Sciences (CHLS):

CHLS was founded to educate future leaders in the field of public health and the science of preventing disease and prolonging life, and as a college to promote health through concerted efforts by society and individuals.

College of Humanities & Social Sciences (CHSS):

CHSS was established to achieve academic excellence and promote cutting-edge research. This mission is accomplished through innovative, interdisciplinary, research-intensive postgraduate programs in the humanities and social sciences that prepare qualified graduates for the professional and scholarly worlds.

College of Islamic Studies (CIS):

CIS was established as a home for contemporary Islamic studies and to provide a hub for exceptional faculty and students to enter into a dialogue about their thoughts and ideas concerning Islam and Muslims.

College of Law (CL):

CL aims to be a world-class provider of legal education with an international reputation for quality and innovation in teaching and research.

College of Public Policy (CPP):

CPP's first program, beginning in fall 2019, is a Master of Public Policy that offers students the opportunity to specialize in social policy or energy and environmental policy, and

culminates in the development of team-based, client-driven projects that address real-world problems.

College of Science & Engineering (CSE):

CSE aims to serve societal needs, with a focus on an integrated multi-disciplinary curriculum and multi-disciplinary research in science and engineering.

Executive Education Center (EEC):

The EEC aims to create world-class learning opportunities that meet individuals' aspirations and the organizational needs of the broader Qatari community.

Research, Development, and Innovation

We are contributing to the creation and sustainability of a competitive and diversified economy, and we are enabling homegrown researchers to address local and global research and development challenges.

Research and innovation efforts across QF are designed to enable Qatar to develop homegrown solutions that tackle the nation's challenges while also having the potential to benefit the world.

- Across QF, a wealth of research entities, nationwide programs, and Qatar-born startups have played their part in the creation of a multi-faceted ecosystem that encompasses and synergizes education, research, industry, and the private sector.
- Through its institutes, initiatives, programs, and discoveries in this sphere, QF supports Qatar in building a sustainable and diversified economy, while fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that produces new and impactful products and services. Some of the initiatives that fall under our R&D ecosystem include:

Specialized research institutes (all part of HBKU)

Qatar Biomedical Research Institute (QBRI)

QBRI is an established multidisciplinary research institute focused on genomic medicine, biomedical engineering, and stem cell and gene-based therapies, with a primary focus on diabetes, cancer, and neurological diseases. QBRI develops personalized approaches for the prevention and treatment of diseases such as cancer and diabetes.

Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI)

QCRI is a national research institute focused on tackling large-scale computing challenges that address national priorities for growth and development. It aims to improve key technologies vital to the global growth of Qatari businesses, including cybersecurity, data analytics, distributed systems, computational engineering, and social computing.

Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI)

QEERI was established to conduct and co-ordinate long-term and multidisciplinary research that addresses critical national priorities concerning energy and the environment. It plays a key role in supporting the generation of solutions to two of Qatar's foremost challenges: Energy Security and Water Security.

QF RDI and its entities

Qatar Foundation Research, Development and Innovation (QF RDI)

QF RDI is responsible for translating Qatar's national RDI strategy into specific initiatives and actions for QF's RDI entities to drive forward. The structure of QF RDI involves the QF Vice President for Research, Development, and Innovation directly managing the operations of Qatar Science & Technology Park, Qatar Biobank, and the Qatar Genome Programme; while also being responsible for overseeing the RDI strategies and activities of other RDI-focused entities within QF – including those conducted by QBRI, QCRI, and QEERI.

Qatar Biobank

Qatar Biobank is an established multidisciplinary research initiative focused on genomic medicine, biomedical engineering, and stem cell and gene-based therapies, with a primary focus on diabetes, cancer, and neurological diseases.

Qatar Genome Programme (QGP)

QGP aims to perform a comprehensive analysis of Qatari genomes, enabling the development of personalized healthcare through the implementation of precision medicine measures. Managed by the Qatar Genome Committee, and incubated by Qatar Biobank, QGP uses a collection of samples and data from Qatar Biobank participants to identify genotype-phenotype associations relevant to the Qatari population. This will provide unique insights that enable the development of personalized healthcare in Qatar.

Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP)

As a hub of scientific and technological innovation, tech-based entrepreneurship, and leading global hi-tech companies focused on commercializing scientific research, QSTP provides incubation, funding, training, mentorship, and connection to the regional and global tech innovation ecosystem. Its programs and funding vehicles enable ideas to be developed into prototypes and, ultimately, market-ready innovation that addresses Qatar's key challenges.

Other QF research entities

Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)

A globally-recognized research funding agency, QNRF, through its portfolio of programs, provides financial support and expert guidance for original, competitively-selected research. QNRF operates across all sectors and at all levels, from students to experienced researchers, in Qatar's four key priority areas: Energy and Environment; ICT and Computing; Health and Biomedicine; and Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities.

Sidra Medicine

Sidra is part of the dynamic research and education environment at QF. By bringing in scientific expertise and resources, Sidra Medicine provides world-class patient care and helps position Qatar as a leading center of excellence for healthcare globally. As a member of QF and through strong partnerships with leading institutions in Qatar and around the world, Sidra Medicine helps to advance scientific discovery through investment in medical research. It also provides Qatar's medical students with one of the finest and most technologically advanced facilities in the world, delivering the highest global healthcare standards to the people of Qatar and beyond.

Community Development

We provide a platform for social engagement through our many outreach programs.

As an open and active local organization, Community Development is at the heart of everything QF does. Our activities are shaped to support the needs of our society and aim to enhance the development of Qatar and its people.

- Community Development is an important component in fostering social engagement. QF's centers aim to strengthen community and cultural bonds, developing a nation of active citizens.
- Our initiatives aim to preserve and promote our national culture and the Arabic language.
- Creating an active, healthy lifestyle for the residents of Qatar is a key element of our efforts.
- We have placed sustainability firmly at the forefront of our agenda, boasting a series of environmentally-friendly initiatives.
- We value our partnerships with local organizations as, together, we foster a society that aspires to achieve social and economic prosperity for the people of Qatar and beyond.

Community Development initiatives/programs

Akhlaquna

'*Akhlaquna*', meaning 'Our Morals', is an award by QF aimed at recognizing young people with exemplary moral character. The award was first announced by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser during the 2017 QF Convocation. Nominees for the award are considered to best embody the four morals of *Akhlaquna*: mercy, tolerance, honesty, and generosity. The award is considered a key example of QF's commitment to inspiring the community by empowering the next generation of leaders in Qatar.

Art Trail

Art Trail is a QF initiative that offers guided tours of the artwork located around Education City to the public. Art Trail caters to different age groups and interests and serves as a platform to inspire the community. The initiative aims to increase artistic appreciation and awareness, and promote local culture and artists.

QF Alumni Program

The Alumni Program recognizes the importance our graduates are playing in impacting society. By providing a platform for QF's alumni to accelerate, the goal of the network is to strengthen its collective impact. The Alumni Program offers graduates access to QF's state-of-the-art facilities, and provides a platform where they can receive and provide mentorship, participate in volunteer programs, receive corporate discounts and connect through a social platform. Aligning with QF's dedication to community development, the Alumni Program exists for alumni to maintain their close links to QF and their fellow graduates, and highlights how each of QF's graduates has gone on to make a positive impact locally and globally.

Qatar Reads

Qatar Reads is a QF initiative, in partnership with the Ministry of Culture and Sports, that is designed to create a culture of reading that places storytelling and discovery at the heart of the nation. Building on the momentum created by QF's National Reading Campaign, it aims to foster a nation of readers by reaching out to people with different needs, lifestyles, and characteristics – from young children and their families, to teenagers, university students, and teachers – through specialized programs, initiatives, and channels.

Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG)

QBG exhibits and conserves the plants mentioned in the Holy Qur'an and the native flora in Qatar. QBG aims to explain the significance of these plants in the Holy Qur'an, as well as their scientific explanations of composition, application, and usefulness to man, and sustainable ways to use them in the long-term. QBG is considered a key QF Community Development initiative due to its application of scientific innovations, appreciation of cultural traditions, and promotion of lifelong learning, as it encourages visitors to enjoy environmental activities and preserve natural resources.

Community Development centers

Al Shaqab

Al Shaqab is a leading global equine center passionately committed to preserving Qatar's heritage by promoting the Arabian horse breed and setting the highest standards in horse welfare, breeding, equine education, and research. Al Shaqab attracts and produces outstanding international riders, breeds pure Arabian horses, provides a rich equestrian experience for children, and helps preserve Qatar's rich equestrian heritage and culture. Al Shaqab also offers engaging experiences for the



community through the organization of world-class events and community outreach initiatives promoting horsemanship and equestrianism.

Equine Veterinary Medical Center (EVMC)

The Equine Veterinary Medical Center provides national and international leadership in veterinary clinical and diagnostic services, in addition to research and education of veterinarians, students, and the public relating to health and well-being of the horse. The mission of the EVMC is the dedication to excellence in veterinary services, scientific discovery, education, and dissemination of knowledge on the health of horses. The EVMC seeks to preserve Qatar's rich equestrian heritage and culture.

Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art

Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, houses the 'Mathaf Collection', co-owned by Qatar Museums and QF, which is the world's largest specialized collection of its kind. The museum is a key component of QF's Community Development ecosystem as it seeks to inspire the community by offering an Arab perspective on modern and contemporary art, while supporting creativity and promoting dialogue.

Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC)

QCDC supports Qatar's capacity-building efforts and empowers youth to better plan their career paths in line with their potential and the future needs of Qatar's labor market. QCDC's work is in line with QF's vision to build human capacity in Qatar by empowering the country's young people to understand the roles they can play in addressing future national priorities. It also equips parents and development practitioners with the career guidance knowledge and information required to provide the best advice and guidance for their children and students. QCDC also aims to enrich and support career guidance policy making and practices by contributing to quality career literature, insights, and consulting, as well as offering high-quality career services led by professional experts.

QatarDebate

QatarDebate is the national debating organization for Qatar. It aims to shape the global citizens of today and the intellectual leaders of tomorrow in the region, through the delivery of diverse debate learning programs featuring Arabic and English. Since its establishment in 2008, QatarDebate has contributed to the QF core mission area of Community Development by empowering youth and raising awareness of important local and global issues in an open forum.



Qatar Diabetes Association (QDA)

QDA aims to establish and promote awareness of diabetes and its prevention throughout the population of Qatar, by encouraging the adoption of healthy lifestyles to help reduce the risk of diabetes in the future. The organization employs multiple community outreach programs, including diabetes awareness programs in schools and workplaces, diabetes prevention camps, and community-focused events. QDA is also working towards improving diabetes care in Qatar through two main channels: supporting and empowering people living with diabetes, and enhancing the capacity of healthcare providers to deliver higher quality diabetes education.

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC)

QBGC is a non-profit, membership-driven organization that is driving sustainable growth in Qatar through education and networking programs, demonstrating a commitment to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and environment-friendly building practices. QGBC operates along three pillars: community outreach, research and innovation, and sustainability education and training. QGBC is considered a key contributor toward QF's goal of contributing to the creation and sustainability of a competitive and diversified economy.

Qatar Nanny Training Academy (QNTA)

Qatar Nanny Training Academy provides a high-quality training program for Arabic-speaking Muslim nannies to become qualified childcare providers. It aims to enrich the lives of Arab Muslim families by supporting Arabic-speaking nannies to teach and promote Islamic values at home, which aligns with the overarching aim of QF to help foster a developed society in Qatar, while enhancing the cultural landscape and protecting Qatar's heritage.

Qatar Music Academy (QMA)

QMA focuses on furthering musical excellence in Qatar and the wider region. Its students enjoy cutting-edge facilities, customized to hone their musical talents, within a desired balance of academic rigor and musical depth. QMA supports QF's commitment to Community Development and enhanced understanding of arts and culture in Qatar through music.

Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra (QPO)

QPO performs and promotes Arabic and Western music to inspire children and adults in Qatar and throughout the Arab world to create and enjoy music. The orchestra of 101 musicians was chosen by a jury of international music professionals through auditions held in European and Arab

countries, and QPO's performances provide another platform for social engagement that QF seeks to foster.

Community Development sites

Education City Golf Club

The vision of Education City Golf Club is to be a golf facility that honors QF's approach to education, innovation, sustainability, research and development, and culture through sport, ultimately becoming the vehicle that grows the game of golf in Qatar. The organization aims to develop the abilities of individuals through its state-of-the-art facilities and its partnerships with elite organizations.

Education City Mosque

Emphasizing QF's approach to engaging with the public, the Education City Mosque's vision is to be the premier community-focused mosque in Qatar and the region. With the capacity to host 1,800 worshippers in its main prayer hall and another 1,000 in its exterior courtyard, it also serves as a community mosque for the surrounding Al Rayyan area. With a tagline of 'More than just a place of prayer', the facility has also hosted a variety of events for the entire community since it first opened, emphasizing QF's approach to engaging with the public by offering a diverse range of activities for those who seek to gain knowledge. The Education City Mosque has also quickly become a welcome addition to the unique architectural collection in Education City.

Heritage Sites

Within Education City, QF has preserved several sites of historic urban structures dating from the early 20th Century. These structures are considered important reminders of the history of the urban landscape of the area, and a significant part of Qatar's built heritage. The vision for the project is to create a compelling attraction for all users and visitors to Education City, and to maintain the authenticity and value of the historic buildings by making them accessible to the present and ensuring they are conserved for the future. Each site is considered a manifestation of QF's Community Development core mission area and its promotion and preservation of Qatari heritage for future generations.

Oxygen Park



Oxygen Park is an impressively-designed and landscaped open space that incorporates sports, recreation, and heritage in a relatively cool environment. Hailed as the ‘green lungs’ of Education City, the 130,000-square-metre park was commissioned by QF to be an outdoor oasis for its community and the general public. It regularly hosts organized sporting events, while also being a daily destination for visitors who wish to explore its surroundings for leisure or fitness activities.

Global Initiatives

Across its many global initiatives, QF ensures a lasting legacy through a commitment to its core mission areas – education; research, development, and innovation; and community development. In this spirit, QF endeavors to create an environment that encourages both personal initiative and collaboration by bringing talented people from across Qatar and the world together.

Doha Debates

Doha Debates is a production of QF that hosts live debates, videos, blogs, and podcasts to bring people together around one urgent issue at a time. In doing so, it seeks to encourage different perspectives, hear the arguments, question them, and turn ideas into action. Its overarching mission is to encourage new and collaborative solutions to global challenges through debate and inspire individual action.

Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

DIFI is a global policy and advocacy institute working to advance knowledge on Arab families and promote evidence-based policies. It is an integral part of QF’s efforts to foster healthy, educated societies underpinned by strong cohesive families in Qatar and the region.

Qatar Foundation International (QFI)

QFI’s approach to inspire meaningful connections to the Arab world involves building a global community of diverse learners and educators and connecting them through effective and collaborative learning environments, inside and outside the classroom. Through such activities, QFI is committed to providing K-12 students in Qatar, the Americas, and the UK with the intellectual, communicative, and cultural competencies that will enable them to be engaged global citizens.

Stars of Science



Stars of Science, an initiative of QF, is the Arab world's leading scientific 'edutainment' reality TV program. Candidates are competitively selected from across the Arab world to present project ideas that offer potential solutions to some of the region's most pressing challenges.

World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate, and purposeful action. It is QF's flagship education forum and has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education. Through its biennial summit and range of ongoing programs, WISE is promoting innovation and building the future of education through collaboration. The WISE community is a network of education stakeholders – from students to decision-makers – representing close to 200 countries, who share ideas and collaborate to seek creative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges in education.

World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)

WISH is a leading example of multidisciplinary co-operation among the international healthcare community, dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. Its biennial summit hosts some of the world's leading healthcare researchers and innovators, with delegates from more than 100 countries, including almost 40 minister-level representatives, attending. The summit provides an invaluable opportunity for co-operation through exploring areas in line with Qatar's national healthcare priorities, creating tangible and long-lasting solutions in healthcare advocacy, policy, research, and delivery.