



## **Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development**

### **About Qatar Foundation:**

Qatar Foundation (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.

### **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 that the future of Qatar lies in unlocking the most precious resource of all: human potential.

### **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 outstanding services 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 and 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 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 whose members 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 particular 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 diversified, 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 foundations 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 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; Qatar Leadership Academy; Renad Academy, dedicated to helping children with mild to moderate Autism Spectrum Disorder;

Awsaj Academy, which works with children with learning difficulties; and the Academic Bridge Program, a premier pre-university initiative.

## 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 graduates, capable of leading Qatar into a new era of diversification and progress in areas of study that are 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.

## Research, Development, and Innovation

We are contributing to the creation and sustainability of a competitive and diversified economy for Qatar, 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.

## 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 by facilitating and enhancing 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.
- QF's initiatives aim to preserve and promote our national culture and the Arabic language.



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- Creating an active, healthy lifestyle for the residents of Qatar is part of the collaborative nature of QF's community development efforts.
- QF has placed sustainability firmly at the forefront of its 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.

