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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the thirty-third issue of our **UDST POST**.

As we open the doors to a new academic year at UDST, we extend a warm welcome to each of you. A fresh start always brings with it the promise of new ideas, innovation, and opportunities to shape the future together.

Even during the summer break, our campus never stopped buzzing with activity and achievement. From opening the first Maritime Center in Qatar, to building new partnerships, and stepping onto the global stage at international conferences, where we presented groundbreaking research and led with confidence, our community continued to make its mark.

We are delighted to see our students participating in summer programs, and our entrepreneurs gaining valuable knowledge by attending international initiatives such as DMZ Basecamp. All of our creations and initiatives are developed with a commitment to preserving the planet we live on.

As a university, we always have sustainability in mind, and this approach should be embraced by our entire community to create a campus that is mindful of the future. At the same time, we are committed to bringing in new technologies that empower our students, faculty, and staff to thrive and remain at the forefront of innovation.

We wish you all a wonderful and successful year ahead. Let this be a year of collaboration, inspiration, and remarkable accomplishments. And don't forget that your achievements matter. Share them with us so we can celebrate and highlight them in the UDST Post.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi
President,
University of Doha for Science and Technology



New programs and a thriving student community mark the start of the Fall Semester

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) officially launched the 2025/2026 academic year with over 8000 students enrolled for the Fall semester, including more than 1600 new joiners.

UDST has also witnessed significant growth in its international student community, welcoming more than 150 learners from across the GCC and beyond, supported by the dedicated International Education and Admissions Office which provides pre-arrival onboarding and ongoing assistance, solidifying UDST's reputation as a hub for global education.

The University features five dynamic colleges that provide 76 academic programs in the areas of Business, Computing and Information Technology, Engineering and Technology, Health Sciences, and General Education.

To mark the beginning of the academic journey, the University hosted "Ahlan" week, a campus-wide orientation welcoming its newest cohort. The event introduced students to campus life, services, and facilities through interactive sessions and engagements with faculty members, college deans, and student support divisions such as Admissions and Registration, Student Central Services, Sport and Wellness, and Counselling and Accessibility Services.

This year, UDST has introduced a range of value-added services to further enhance the student experience and support student success from the very start of their academic journey. The recently implemented Student Success Management System is designed to help students navigate university life and streamline their overall experience, while the Pre-University Skills Summer Program offers a head start and smooth transition into campus life.

The First Year Student Experience initiative features a proactive pre-orientation phone campaign, ensuring students' questions are answered early and connecting them to valuable resources. During orientation, students benefit from Academic Success Planning Programming to set and achieve academic, personal, and professional goals, as well as information on scholarship opportunities and guidance tools to inform their academic decisions.



Commenting on the start of the academic year, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, stated: "Our students are not only beginning their university journey; they are joining an academic institution that upholds a national mission and a future-focused vision. At UDST, we are committed to providing them with more than just academic knowledge; we aim to instill in them the practical skills and mindset needed to lead, innovate, and create meaningful impact. I urge each of our students to embrace this journey with ambition and purpose, challenge themselves, learn from every opportunity, and contribute with confidence to the progress of Qatar and to a world shaped by innovation and sustainability."



As part of its ongoing commitment to providing applied education that aligns with the needs of the national economy, the University of Doha for Science and Technology has announced the launch of a new set of specialized programs for this academic year.

These include: a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering, the first of its kind in Qatar, designed to prepare highly qualified engineers for the aviation sector; a Master of Science in Telecommunications and Network Engineering; and a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management, aimed at developing administrative and technical competencies in the air transport industry. The University has also introduced a Master of Science in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, in response to the growing demand for professionals in advanced digital technologies. In the field of education, the university has launched three specialized programs under the “Tomouh” initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. These include a Bachelor of Science in Teaching STEM, a Master of Science in Teaching STEM, and a Master of Science in STEM and TVET Education, with the goal of preparing qualified Qatari educators in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

At UDST, both Qatari citizens and children of Qatari women are exempt from tuition fees for diploma and Bachelor's programs. The University continues to offer applied Bachelor's and Master's degrees, diplomas, and certificates across disciplines, ensuring that all programs are tailored to meet national and global development needs.





Ministry Of Transport Undersecretary Inaugurates Qatar's 1st Maritime Training, Simulation Center on Campus

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport H.E. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Maadeed and President of University of Doha for Science and Technology H.E., Dr. Salem bin Nasser Al-Naemi inaugurated the Maritime Training and Simulation Center (MTSC) at UDST on July 3, 2025.

The MTSC, the first of its kind in Qatar, is designed to empower current and future maritime professionals with internationally accredited skills and hands-on simulation experience, positioning Qatar as a regional leader in maritime training and innovation.

The MTSC provides an interactive learning environment with modern classrooms equipped with state-of-the-art simulation technologies of Classes A and C, featuring navigation and full-mission engine simulation rooms, and maritime safety training facilities including for firefighting and first aid. The MTSC offers specialized training programs recognized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Following the inauguration ceremony, which was attended by multiple high-profile Qatari officials and maritime industry experts, H.E. Al-Maadeed toured the facility and was briefed on its services. He also attended an interactive presentation on some of the cutting-edge simulation technologies.

The inauguration followed the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Transport and UDST, formalizing a long-term partnership to advance Qatar's maritime capabilities.

Signed by H.E. Al-Maadeed and Dr. Al-Naemi, the MoU reflects a mutual commitment to developing a future-ready workforce through specialized training programs, international certifications, and collaborative research. It also lays the foundation for sustained cooperation in knowledge exchange and capacity building, driving the growth, resilience, and regional and global competitiveness of Qatar's maritime industry.

On this occasion, H.E. Al-Maadeed said, "Inaugurating the MTSC today marks a significant milestone embodying Qatari educational institution's commitment to enhancing the country's maritime infrastructure and capabilities through such training facilities equipped with state-of-the-art world technologies. As the global maritime landscape evolves, preparing our workforce to lead with expertise and resilience is essential."

Today's MoU with UDST, he added, "is a cornerstone of MOT's broader action plans that aim at further enhancing our maritime transportation ecosystem to contribute to achieving sustainable development of that vital industry."

H.E. the Undersecretary thanked those in charge of those initiatives at UDST and thought the day was a promising day for the future of Qatar's maritime industry.

His Excellency Dr. Al-Naemi, President of UDST, expressed the university's pride in this achievement, stating: "This Center represents more than just a facility, it is a strategic national asset that embodies our shared commitment to applied, industry-driven education. Through this collaboration with the Ministry of Transport, we are providing opportunities for hands-on learning with the most advanced simulation technologies in the region. Our mission is to ensure that Qatar's maritime professionals graduate with the skills, confidence, and competence to meet the highest international standards. This initiative directly supports Qatar's goals for economic diversification and maritime leadership."





Launching University Skills Summer Program to Support First-Year Student Success

UDST has introduced the University Skills Summer Program, a student-centered initiative designed to support the transition of first-year students into university life.

The non-credit program offers participants early exposure to the academic skills, mindset, and expectations required to thrive at the university level. Sessions are structured around academic, personal, and professional development, covering essential areas such as independent learning, resilience, leadership, and effective communication. Activities include interactive workshops, motivational sessions, peer mentoring, and networking opportunities, ensuring students gain both confidence and belonging from the outset.

With over 400 attendees this year, the USSP has proven effective in preparing students for success. This year's program reinforces UDST's role in empowering students and enhancing retention through innovative preparatory initiatives.



Expanding Industry Collaboration with Q Three Sixty Partnership

UDST has signed MoU with Q Three Sixty for Training and Development, establishing a strategic partnership that strengthens applied education and industry collaboration.

The agreement paves the way for enhanced student opportunities through financial support for university initiatives, specialized workshops, internships, and meaningful work placements. Faculty members will also benefit from industrial visits and consultation opportunities that align research with real-world applications.

Key areas of collaboration include applied research in recycling and waste management, as well as the integration of industry-driven topics into student capstone projects. These initiatives will allow UDST students to address pressing challenges in safety, quality management, and professional development, while gaining the hands-on experience needed to succeed in competitive job markets.

This partnership reflects UDST's commitment to bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations, ensuring that students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and practical experience to contribute to Qatar's evolving workforce needs.



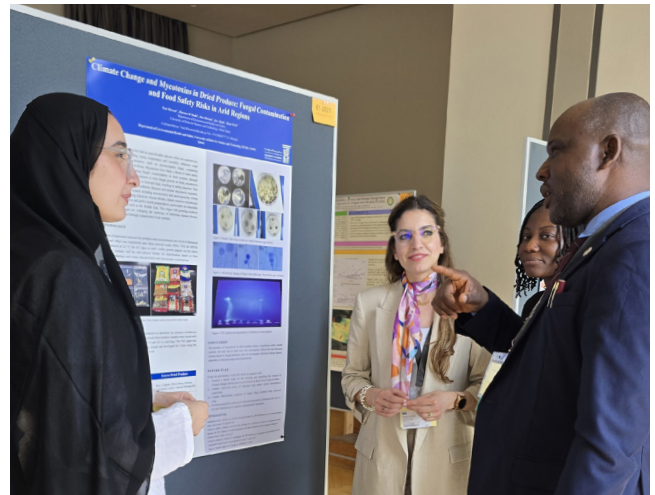
Students Present Research at World Conference on Tobacco Control 2025

UDST proudly participated in the World Conference on Tobacco Control 2025 in Dublin, where six students from the College of Health Sciences, led by Dr. Shannan MacNevin, showcased the university's research on youth smoking behaviors in Qatar. Their e-poster presentation positioned UDST among global leaders working to address pressing public health challenges.

The students actively engaged with international experts, attended high-level sessions, and built connections that will further strengthen UDST's commitment to impactful, real-world research. A highlight of their participation was meeting Dr. Ahmad AlMulla, Director of the Tobacco Control Center at Hamad Medical Corporation, reinforcing UDST's close collaboration with Qatar's leading health institutions.

Representing UDST were Kryzchan Zapanta, Amiel Panda, Ayesha Sideeqa, Raniah Farooq, and Sanaa Shahzad, who demonstrated professionalism and dedication on the global stage. Their contribution highlights UDST's mission to empower students as researchers, advocates, and global citizens, and to ensure the university plays an active role in advancing health outcomes locally and internationally.

Research Team Showcases Climate Change Study in Germany



A team from the Environmental Health & Safety Department at UDST presented their research at the Keystone Symposia Conference on Climate Change & Infectious Disease Threats 2025, held from June 23 to 26 at Herrenhausen Palace in Hannover, Germany.

The study, Climate Change Impact on Fungal Growth and Mycotoxin Production in Dried Produce and Its Effect on Food Security, was accepted for presentation as part of a UREP-funded project. Representing UDST, Norr Hassan, Senior Lecturer and Research Mentor, and Aya Aljaja, Environmental Health student, attended the event and shared the team's findings.

Their presentation received strong feedback from international experts and opened doors for future collaboration. They also attended high-level sessions on climate determinants of public health risks, climate change and infectious diseases, and the role of AI and data science in addressing global health challenges.



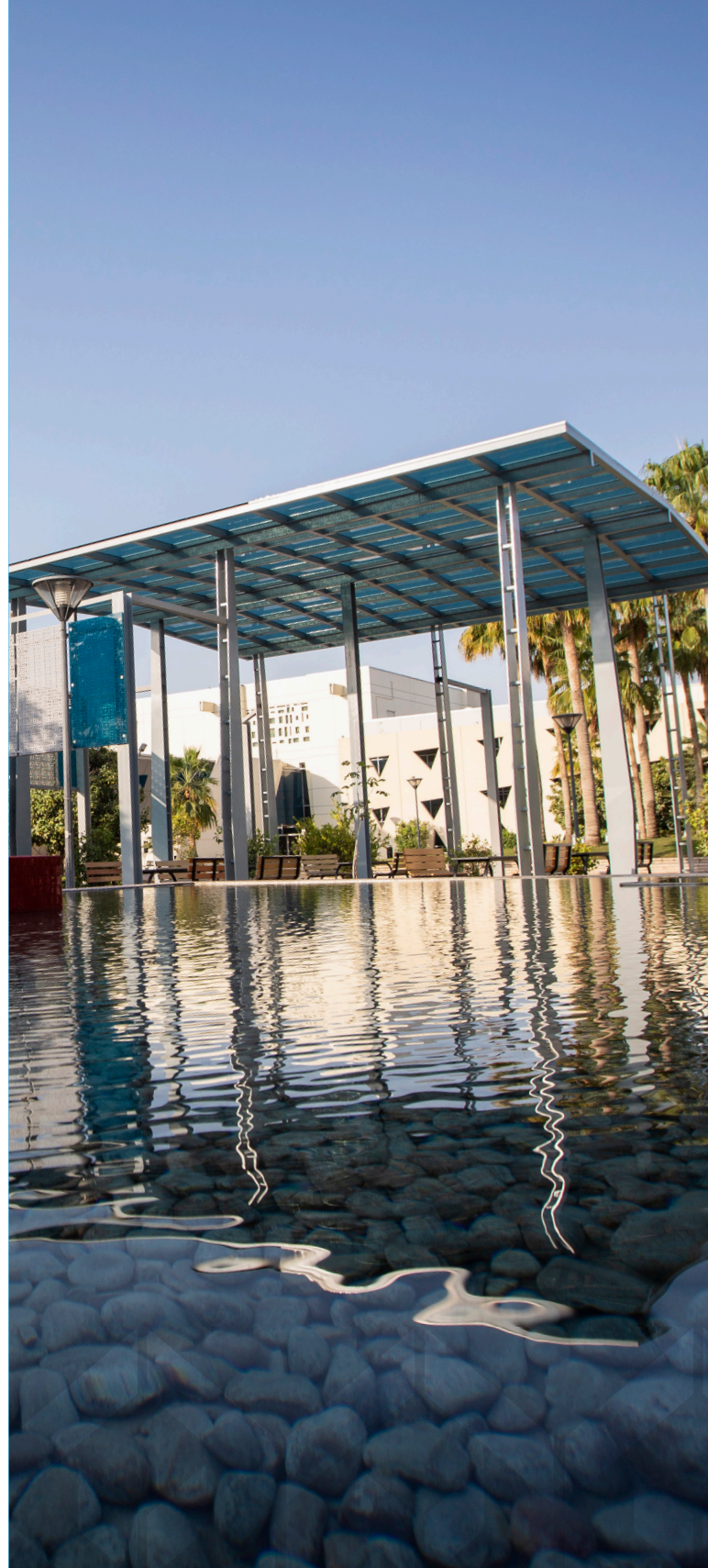


University of Doha for Science and Technology Partners with Naseem Health Care to Offer Discounted Medical Services

The University of Doha for Science and Technology has entered into a strategic partnership with Naseem Health Care, one of the region's leading providers of medical services. The agreement is designed to enhance the well-being of UDST's students and employees by granting them access to discounted healthcare services, along with a variety of health-focused initiatives on campus.

As part of the collaboration, Naseem Health Care will deliver comprehensive services that include on-campus check-ups such as dental screenings, blood pressure and sugar level measurements, and dermatological consultations. The partnership also extends to free consultations at Naseem's premium medical centers and the provision of medical support at UDST events, ensuring a holistic approach to health and wellness.

This initiative highlights UDST's commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and enriching campus environment while building partnerships that add tangible value to its community. The agreement further opens opportunities for future collaboration in health awareness, outreach, and educational engagement, reinforcing UDST's role as a leader in student and employee well-being.





A Strategic Partnership with Arafat Business Center: Cutting Costs and Accelerating Market Entry for UDST Founders

As part of UHUB's mission to strengthen Qatar's entrepreneurial ecosystem, a strategic partnership has been established with Arafat Business Center, a move designed to address one of the most significant barriers facing entrepreneurs in Qatar and UDST founders: the high cost of legal company registration and operational setup.

Under Qatari law, startups must secure a registered office address to obtain a commercial license, making rental fees and overheads a major financial challenge for early-stage founders. Through this collaboration, UDST-affiliated startups can now register their companies at Arafat Business Center while benefiting from a 60% reduction in operational costs, freeing up vital resources for product development, marketing, and growth.

Beyond cost savings, the partnership offers premium office facilities, administrative support, and a central Doha business address, enabling our founders to present a professional image from day one. This arrangement significantly accelerates market entry, allowing UDST entrepreneurs to move from concept to legally operating business in record time.

By lowering financial and administrative barriers, UHUB and Arafat Business Center are empowering UDST's next generation of innovators to compete locally, scale regionally, and expand globally, a strategic milestone in advancing Qatar's position as a regional leader in innovation and entrepreneurship.

UHUB Summer Sprint – Intensive Online Program for Future Innovators

This summer, UHUB at the University of Doha for Science and Technology, in partnership with the DMZ at Toronto Metropolitan University, one of the world's leading university-based incubators, delivered a flagship five-week online intensive designed to accelerate the entrepreneurial journey of UDST students and alumni.

With 96 participants and over 25 hours of live, interactive training, the program equipped founders with the tools to progress from concept to market-ready venture. Sessions led by international and local experts covered commercializing research and applying lean startup methods, customer segmentation and market testing, go-to-market strategy development, customer discovery, and pitch delivery techniques. Participants benefited from one-on-one consultations to protect and leverage their innovations, ensuring they are better prepared to safeguard their ideas, attract investment, and compete in global markets.



The Sprint concluded with Pitch Day & Final Event, where participants showcased their ventures to a panel of judges. Three standout winners, having completed all required assignments, were recognized for their innovation, execution, and market readiness. These winners exemplify the program's impact in fostering high-potential startups aligned with national innovation priorities.



DMZ Basecamp: Global Exposure for UDST Entrepreneurs

As part of UHUB's commitment to advancing global innovation and entrepreneurship, six exceptional UDST student founders were selected to join DMZ Basecamp in Toronto, Canada, an immersive international entrepreneurship program designed to accelerate high-potential ventures. The program provided exceptional access to world-class mentorship from founders who have built multimillion-dollar startups, global networks, and in-depth insights into international markets. This global exposure not only sharpened their entrepreneurial skills but also empowered them to envision and position their ventures for success on the world stage.

Over seven intensive weeks, participants completed more than 80 hours of in-person training, one-on-one mentorship, and applied venture-building exercises. Working from DMZ's headquarters, home to startups that have collectively raised over \$2 billion USD, they were guided by serial entrepreneurs, seasoned investors, and industry leaders with proven track records in scaling global businesses.



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This program advances UDST's strategic mission by:

- Developing globally competitive entrepreneurial talent capable of leading beyond Qatar.
- Building international networks that foster cross-border partnerships and market entry opportunities.
- Strengthening Qatar's innovation ecosystem through the return of students with high-level skills, global insights, and influential connections.
- Enhancing UDST's global reputation within leading innovation and startup hubs.

Through high-impact experiences like DMZ Basecamp, UHUB ensures UDST's entrepreneurial talent is equipped not only to succeed locally but also to create and lead ventures with global reach and impact.



Strategic Innovation in Action: UHUB Empowers Engineering Students Through Design Thinking

In collaboration with Innovation Streams, UHUB facilitated a dedicated entrepreneurship awareness program for youth aged 9–13. Designed to spark curiosity and build foundational entrepreneurial skills, the initiative introduces young participants to the concepts of creativity, problem-solving, and venture building, while also showcasing UDST as a hub for innovation and higher education. By engaging students early, this partnership supports Qatar’s long-term vision of cultivating a pipeline of future-ready talent who can drive economic diversification and innovation.

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