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## GROWING WITH PURPOSE



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# Message from the President

**Dear Wolves,**

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

In a month marked by the International Day of Education, it feels timely to pause and reflect, not just on education as we know it, but on the form of education we are actively moving towards.

We are living at a critical moment. Rapid technological advancement, evolving industries, and shifting career landscapes are redefining what graduates need to thrive. Across the globe, universities are reimagining how education is delivered and experienced.

Traditional models are giving way to more flexible, technology-driven, and personalized approaches, an education designed not for yesterday's jobs, but for tomorrow's realities.

This is where our journey stands out.

From its very inception, University of Doha for Science and Technology embraced applied education not as a trend, but as a foundation.

This model gives us a unique advantage: the ability to evolve continuously, read market demands in real time, and design learning experiences that prepare our students for the future, not just the present.

Applied education is no longer an alternative pathway; it is the future of higher education. That belief is at the heart of the campaign we recently launched, one you have already encountered through our internal communications and now see reflected across Doha, on the streets, on social media, and beyond. Its message is clear and confident: Our students are world-ready because we make them work-ready.

As we move forward, this moment belongs to all of you. Each contribution, academic, administrative, technical, and creative, shapes who we are and where we are headed. We are proud of you for being part of this community and for the role you play in shaping UDST every day.

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



## UDST Introduces Three New Academic Programs, Strengthening Healthcare and Applied Sciences in Qatar

University of Doha for Science and Technology has announced the launch of three new academic programs for Fall 2026: the Master of Science in Midwifery, the Executive Master of Health Administration, and the Diploma in Animal Health and Veterinary Science. These programs have been developed in alignment with national priorities and international standards, with a focus on hands-on learning, applied research, and professional training.

These offerings are the result of strategic collaborations with leading national and international partners. Admissions for all three programs will open in January 2026 for the 2026-2027 academic year through the University's website: [udst.edu.qa](http://udst.edu.qa).



**At the College of Business, the following new program will be available:**

### **Executive Master of Health Administration:**

Designed to strengthen Qatar's healthcare system leadership capacity, the Executive Master of Health Administration (EMHA) prepares emerging and mid-career professionals to drive operational excellence across the healthcare sector. Purpose-built for immediate impact, the program develops leaders capable of improving quality, optimizing financial performance, and advancing digital transformation to deliver measurable results for patients, providers, and payers. Applied and industry-focused, the EMHA is built around real-world projects in collaboration with health-sector partners and is fully aligned with national priorities to enhance high-quality, sustainable healthcare services. Graduates will be equipped to lead change, manage complex organizations, and elevate performance across the sector and beyond, marking a significant milestone in Qatar's commitment to cultivating a highly skilled and innovative health-services leadership pipeline.



**At the College of Health Sciences, the following new programs will be available:**

#### **Master of Science in Midwifery (MSc Midwifery)**

Designed as Qatar's first graduate program in midwifery, it provides an advanced pathway for registered nurses seeking to transition into professional midwifery practice. The program is competency-based and practice-focused, integrating robust clinical training and high-fidelity simulation to build expertise in maternal, neonatal, and family-centered care. Developed in collaboration with key health-sector partners and aligned with international standards, it directly responds to Qatar's growing need for highly skilled midwives. Graduates will be prepared to lead innovation, enhance quality of care, and advance women's health across the national healthcare system.

#### **Diploma in Animal Health and Veterinary Science**

Designed to strengthen national capacity in animal health, this applied two-year diploma provides comprehensive training in animal care, disease prevention, diagnostics, and husbandry. This program was developed in response to national priorities identified by the Ministry of Municipality and graduates will be equipped with the practical and technical skills needed to support veterinary services and public-health protection, contributing directly to Qatar's One-Health agenda and advancing the country's long-term animal-health objectives.

Commenting on the announcement, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, said: "Expanding our academic portfolio with these programs reflects UDST's role in anticipating future skills needs and translating national priorities into high-impact educational pathways. By focusing on developing leaders and building skills, we are investing in areas that have strategic significance for the country and lead towards its sustainable development."

UDST now offers close to 80 programs that are under five different colleges which include: Engineering and Technology, Business, Computing and Information Technology, Health Sciences and General Education.

These newly launched programs reflect UDST's mission to deliver innovative, high-quality education that meets Qatar's evolving workforce and sectoral priorities. Through strategic national and international collaborations, UDST ensures its graduates meet global standards while actively contributing to Qatar National Vision 2030, reinforcing the University's role as a catalyst for applied knowledge, leadership, and professional excellence.

*Applicants can apply for admissions online through the website: [www.udst.edu.qa](http://www.udst.edu.qa)*

# جاهز للعمل . جاهز للعالم Work Ready • World Ready



## Launching a New Brand Campaign to Redefine Applied Education

UDST launched its new brand campaign, “Work Ready. World Ready”, reinforcing its identity as Qatar’s leading applied university. The campaign aimed to clearly define applied education and communicate how UDST prepares students for real-world careers from their first day on campus.

The initiative addressed growing interest from prospective students, parents, and stakeholders seeking a clearer understanding of UDST’s academic model. It positioned the University as a purpose-built institution where learning is rooted in practice rather than theory alone. Applied education at UDST is embedded across all programs, with students training in industry-grade laboratories, simulations, and realistic professional environments that mirror workplace demands.

The campaign showcased students actively engaging in hands-on learning across multiple disciplines, emphasizing that career readiness is achieved through experience. Through “Work Ready. World Ready”, UDST strengthened its positioning as an industry-aligned institution, highlighting its commitment to preparing graduates equipped with practical skills, confidence, and the ability to contribute immediately to Qatar’s workforce and the global economy.







## Highlighting Global Education Leadership and Student Mobility at EDUCON

UDST participated in EDUCON, an international education conference held in Seoul, Republic of South Korea, bringing together global leaders, educators, and policymakers to explore the future of education and workforce development. The University's participation highlighted its growing international presence and commitment to global collaboration.

His Excellency, Dr. Salem bin Nasser Al-Naemi, President of UDST, took part as a keynote speaker and panel participant, contributing to high-level discussions on educational transformation, digitalization, and artificial intelligence. His engagement highlighted Qatar's strategic focus on education as a driver of sustainable development and human capital advancement.

UDST's presence at EDUCON also emphasized its strong focus on internationalization and student mobility, particularly through its exchange student program. By partnering with leading institutions worldwide, the University provides students with opportunities to gain international exposure, cross-cultural experience, and globally relevant skills.

Through its active participation, UDST reaffirmed its role as a national leader in applied education and a trusted global partner in shaping the future of learning.



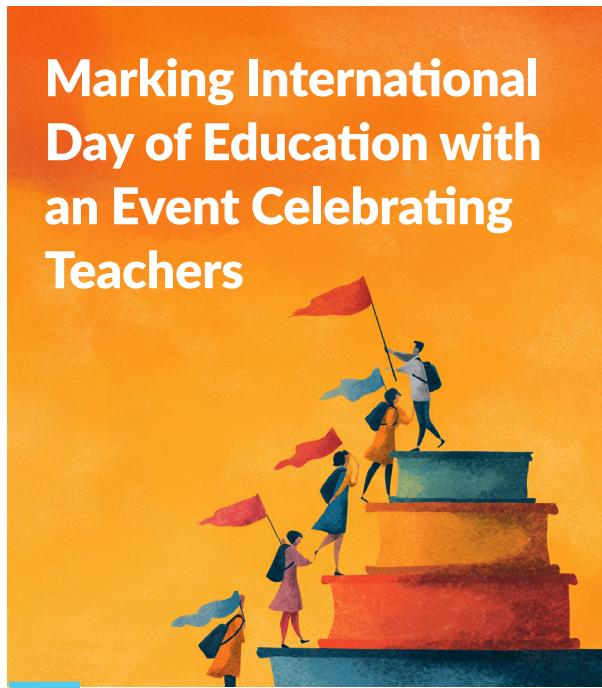
## Showcasing Marine Engineering Expertise at DIMDEX 2026

UDST proudly participated in DIMDEX 2026, highlighting its commitment to advancing education and innovation in the maritime sector. The College of Engineering and Technology represented the University through a dedicated booth at the event, where visitors explored its cutting-edge programs and research in marine engineering.

Dr. Lambros Kaiktsis, Department Head, Marine Engineering, emphasized the growing opportunities in Qatar's local shipping market, noting the unprecedented surge in LNG carriers that had been ordered. He highlighted the critical need for well-trained marine engineers to support both onboard operations and shore-based management, underlining the University's role in preparing students to meet these industry demands.

UDST's presence at DIMDEX 2026 reinforced its position as a national leader in applied education, equipping students with practical skills and knowledge to thrive in a rapidly expanding maritime sector. The University further strengthened connections with industry partners and inspired the next generation of marine engineering professionals.





UDST marked the International Day of Education by hosting a special event titled "Empowering Teachers, Inspiring Futures", bringing together educators, academic leaders, and education professionals to recognize the essential role of teachers in shaping future generations. Organized by the College of General Education, the event focused on innovative teaching practices and the importance of empowering educators as drivers of sustainable development and lifelong learning.

The program featured a keynote address by the Vice President of Qatar Foundation Schools, highlighting the contribution of teachers to educational excellence and national development. The event also included Ignite Talks delivered by teachers enrolled in UDST's Master of Science in STEM and TVET Education program, showcasing forward-looking approaches aligned with national priorities and global education goals.

A poster presentation and networking session further enabled participants to share applied research and classroom-based projects, reinforcing collaboration and professional exchange.



## Hosting Second Winter School in Artificial Intelligence and Software Engineering

UDST, in collaboration with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter School in Artificial Intelligence and Software Engineering. Building on the success of the inaugural edition, the program delivered an enhanced applied learning experience for students, researchers, and professionals from Qatar and beyond.

The first Winter School had featured more than 15 expert-led sessions and attracted a diverse academic audience, receiving strong positive feedback for its relevance to professional and academic development. The second edition expanded on this foundation through a comprehensive program of lectures, hands-on workshops, and panel discussions.

The Winter School addressed advanced topics including AI-driven industrial automation, responsible AI-enabled software engineering, multimodal systems, Large Language Model agents, and AI privacy risks and mitigation strategies.

Through this initiative, UDST reinforced its position as a hub for applied digital education and advanced training, supporting national efforts to strengthen digital competencies, foster innovation, and advance technology-driven development aligned with Qatar's strategic priorities.



## MoU Signing with TAAMEER Real Estate Projects to Strengthen Academic and Industry Collaboration

UDST signed an MoU with TAAMEER Real Estate Projects W.L.L., a leading Qatari real estate development company, to strengthen academic cooperation and industry engagement. The agreement reflected a shared commitment to enhancing student development and aligning academic outcomes with market needs.

Under the MoU, TAAMEER will support UDST through specialized training programs for students and faculty, internship and work placement opportunities, and periodic field visits aimed at enriching practical learning. The partnership also included TAAMEER's participation in the Construction Engineering Department's Program Advisory Committee, ensuring curricula remained responsive to industry developments. In addition, both parties collaborated on applied research initiatives, capstone and graduate projects, and joint academic and professional events.

The agreement reinforced UDST's applied education model and strengthened collaboration between academia and the real estate sector, contributing to workforce readiness, innovation, and sustainable development in Qatar.



## Coffee with the President: A Vision for Growth and Wellbeing at UDST

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, hosted the second "Coffee with the President" session of the 2025-2026 academic year, welcoming faculty and staff to a new year of learning, growth, and collaboration. The informal gathering offered participants the chance to connect directly with the President, share experiences, and exchange ideas within the UDST community.

During his remarks, Dr. Al-Naemi highlighted recent campus improvements, including a new parking area for employees and additional facilities aimed at enhancing student life. Emphasizing the importance of collective effort, he encouraged everyone to pursue excellence in academics, research, and community engagement.

Looking ahead, the President expressed optimism for a year full of achievements and reminded the UDST community to prioritize daily exercise, promoting a healthy lifestyle as a foundation for long-term success. The session concluded on an uplifting note, inspiring all attendees to embrace the opportunities of the year ahead.





## UDST and Sorbonne Paris Nord Strengthen Academic Cooperation

UDST has signed an MoU with Sorbonne Paris Nord University (Université Paris XIII) to enhance academic and research collaboration between Qatar and France. The agreement establishes a framework for cooperation across key areas, including joint undergraduate and postgraduate programs, student and faculty exchange, collaborative research, and project-based academic initiatives.

Through this partnership, both institutions aim to advance shared educational objectives, promote knowledge exchange, and foster innovation in teaching and research. The collaboration also supports the organization of joint conferences, seminars, and academic events, creating platforms for scholars and students to engage in high-impact academic discourse.

Aligned with UDST's mandate as an applied national university, the agreement reinforces its commitment to international partnerships that contribute to capacity building, research excellence, and workforce development. The MOU reflects a shared vision to expand global academic networks and support sustainable, knowledge-driven development through higher education cooperation.



Dr. Omar Suleiman recently visited UDST to deliver an inspiring session focused on faith, reflection, and living a purposeful life. Addressing students, he reminded them that life is fragile and can end in the blink of an eye, emphasizing the importance of seizing every opportunity to draw closer to Allah.

He spoke about the significance of prayer (Salah) as a foundation for spiritual growth, discipline, and inner peace.

Dr. Suleiman also highlighted the power of forgiveness, encouraging attendees to let go of grudges and reconcile with others before their time runs out. He stressed the value of treating people with kindness and performing good deeds, noting that even small acts can create a lasting positive impact on individuals and society. His session left students reflecting on their actions, relationships, and the importance of living intentionally with faith, compassion, and moral responsibility.



## Vodafone Pitch Session: 18 UHUB Startups Present to Industry Leaders

UHUB hosted a Vodafone Pitch Session, bringing together 18 UHUB startups to pitch their solutions directly to Vodafone representatives. The session provided founders with valuable industry feedback to strengthen their business models, refine their market positioning, and enhance their go-to-market strategies.

Beyond pitching, the session opened the door for meaningful engagement with Vodafone, including potential opportunities for collaboration, sponsorship, and future partnerships that can support startup growth and innovation within the UDST ecosystem.

### UHUB x Scale AI: Empowering Innovators to Build with AI

UHUB is launching Applied AI Studio: From Prompt to Product, in collaboration with Scale AI and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT). This initiative delivers a series of five hands-on AI workshops designed for participants across UDST, with a focus on developing practical, hands-on skills that enable participants to responsibly integrate AI into their entrepreneurial ventures and to build real, working outputs by the end of the program.

The program moves beyond theory and prioritizes learning by building. Participants will explore key topics across the Generative AI lifecycle, including prompt engineering and rapid prototyping, Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), Agentic AI, and AI safety and security, and will conclude with a final project demo session where attendees showcase what they built and receive expert feedback.

To further support applied learning, the series includes exclusive consultant hours, offering 1:1 mentorship with Scale AI and other AI experts to help solve technical challenges and accelerate real progress on prototypes and startup ideas.





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## اليوم الرياضي للدولة QATAR NATIONAL SPORT DAY

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Events Park,

University of Doha for Science and Technology

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