



EARLY ACCESS, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES AT UDST

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the fortieth issue of our **UDST POST**.

It is a true pleasure to welcome you back to campus. After a period marked by unprecedented challenges for our country, seeing our community reunited once again, engaging, learning, and connecting in person is both meaningful and inspiring. While these moments of human interaction may once have felt routine, they now carry a renewed sense of value and purpose.

What stands out most is the resilience you have shown. In the face of uncertainty, you adapted swiftly to new ways of learning and working, embracing online education and remote collaboration while ensuring that progress never paused. Your commitment, flexibility, and determination have been remarkable.

This UDST Post issue demonstrates our collective strength. It is a reflection of a community that continues to move forward with confidence,

regardless of the circumstances. As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to remember that education remains one of the most powerful pathways to a better and more peaceful future. Use it wisely. Let it guide your thinking, fuel your innovation, and inspire you to contribute meaningfully to humanity.

And as you continue your journey, know that you are never alone. Whether you are a student or a member of our staff, the University remains committed to supporting you by providing the guidance, resources, and care needed to help you navigate any challenges you may face.

We take pride in this community, and in the strength we share together.

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



University of Doha for Science and Technology Introduces Early Acceptance Opportunity for High-Achieving Students

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) has announced the launch of its Early Acceptance initiative for the Fall 2026 semester, offering outstanding high school students the opportunity to secure a place at the University before completing their final examinations. Prospective students interested in the Early Acceptance opportunity are encouraged to submit their applications online through the University's official website udst.edu.qa.

Through this initiative, high-achieving students currently enrolled in their final year of high school can apply for Early Conditional Admission based on their academic performance in Grade 11 and the first semester of Grade 12. Students who meet the eligibility criteria may receive an early admission offer, allowing them to reserve their seat in their chosen program while they complete their final high school examinations.

While the specific requirements vary depending on the program of study, students are expected to demonstrate strong academic performance and high overall averages in their school transcripts. Once admitted through early acceptance, students must successfully complete their final examinations and meet the University's official admission requirements to confirm their place before the start of the academic semester.

The deadline to apply for Early Acceptance for Fall 2026 is April 20, 2026, providing students with an opportunity to plan their academic future earlier and secure their place at UDST.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of the University of Doha for Science and Technology, highlighted the importance of this initiative in supporting ambitious students: "At UDST, we are committed to empowering talented students and recognizing academic excellence early on. Our Early Acceptance provides motivated students with the confidence to plan their academic journey while continuing to focus on achieving strong results in their final year of school."





He added: “As Qatar’s national applied university, we continuously strive to attract high-potential students and provide them with a learning environment that connects knowledge with practice. By securing their place early, students can look forward to joining a vibrant community that prepares them to become work-ready and world-ready graduates.”

UDST offers over 80 innovative programs across its five colleges: the College of Engineering and Technology, the College of Business, the College of Computing and Information Technology, the College of Health Sciences, and the College of General Education. The University’s applied learning model combines classroom instruction with hands-on experience in advanced laboratories, industry projects, and real-world simulations, preparing students to graduate career-ready and highly competitive in the job market. Students benefit from a comprehensive student success ecosystem, including personalized advising and career development services supported through UDST’s Student Success Management System. High-achieving students may also participate in the University Skills Summer Program, providing an early start to university life and helping them build the academic, professional, and leadership skills needed to excel from their very first semester.





University of Doha for Science and Technology partners with Qatar Charity for Ramadan Iftar Initiative

Reinforcing its commitment to social responsibility and community care, the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) partnered with Qatar Charity during the Holy month of Ramadan to deliver a dedicated Iftar meal initiative supporting campus workers.

Through this year's initiative, 500 Iftar meals were distributed to essential campus workers across multiple colleges and departments. The program reflects the University's appreciation for the individuals whose daily contributions sustain the campus environment.

The initiative was implemented in collaboration with the Qatari Students Association, where student volunteers organized the logistical aspects, prepared the meal packages, and supervised the distribution process. This active role reflects the commitment of University of Doha for Science and Technology students to promoting a culture of social responsibility and empowering students to translate the values of solidarity and generosity into practical initiatives that contribute to serving the community and strengthening the spirit of compassion.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, highlighted the broader impact of the initiative, stating: "Ramadan represents an opportunity to strengthen community





connection and reaffirm our shared responsibility toward one another. We proudly acknowledge Qatar Charity and our student volunteers for their commitment and collaboration in ensuring the continued success of this annual event. At UDST, we believe that community engagement is an essential component of education. Initiatives such as this encourage empathy, leadership, and social awareness among our students while honoring the dedication of our campus workforce.”

For workers fasting during Ramadan while maintaining shift-based responsibilities, access to a shared Iftar moment can be limited. By organizing on-campus meal distribution, UDST aimed to ensure inclusivity and appreciation for those serving throughout the month.

Mr. Ahmed Yousef Fakhroo, Executive Director of Communications and Community Impact at Qatar Charity, expressed his appreciation for the initiative, stating: “We are proud of our partnership with the University of Doha for Science and Technology in this blessed initiative, which reflects the true spirit of giving during the Holy month of Ramadan. Providing Iftar meals to campus workers is a gesture that carries noble humanitarian values and aligns with Qatar Charity’s mission to promote solidarity and support those who contribute greatly to our communities. We also commend the efforts of the Qatari Student Association for their active involvement and outstanding organization, as such joint initiatives strengthen community bonds and reinforce the concept of social responsibility.”

The partnership reflects a shared commitment between UDST and Qatar Charity to advance initiatives that enhance solidarity, dignity, and social cohesion. As Ramadan continues, the University remains dedicated to promoting volunteer engagement and strengthening bonds within its diverse community.





Global Splunk Partnership Boosts Cybersecurity Education

UDST has officially joined the Splunk Academic Alliance, becoming part of an international network of institutions that integrate Splunk technologies into teaching, research, and professional development. The direct partnership allows UDST to participate independently, without relying on third-party intermediaries.

Through this membership, UDST students, faculty, and staff gain access to Splunk Enterprise, Enterprise Security, Splunk SOAR Community Edition, free training courses, structured learning paths, and certification preparation resources. The program is already integrated into key cybersecurity courses, benefiting over 200 students this semester, while faculty engage in hands-on training to enhance teaching and research with industry-standard tools.

Beyond cybersecurity, Splunk resources support IT operations, data analytics, and engineering applications, offering opportunities for professional growth across campus. The initiative reinforces UDST's commitment to practical, industry-aligned education and preparing its community with skills valued by employers worldwide.



Marking the International Day of Education with “Empowering Teachers. Inspiring Futures”

UDST marked the International Day of Education by hosting “Empowering Teachers. Inspiring Futures,” an event bringing together educators, academic leaders, and education professionals to celebrate the pivotal role of teachers in shaping future generations.

Organized by the Department of Applied Education, the event highlighted innovative teaching practices and the importance of empowering educators as drivers of sustainable development and lifelong learning.

The program featured a series of Ignite Talks by teachers enrolled in UDST's Master of Science in STEM and TVET Education program, showcasing applied teaching approaches aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and emerging trends in STEM and technical education. Attendees also participated in a poster presentation and networking session, where teachers shared classroom-based projects and applied research, leveraging collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Through the event, UDST reaffirmed its commitment to applied education and professional development, recognizing teachers as catalysts for educational transformation and societal progress.



Our Swimmers Crowned Champions at Ramadan Swimming Festival

UDST proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of its students at the Ramadan Swimming Festival – Skins Race, held this past weekend under the Qatar Swimming Association in collaboration with Vortex Aquatics. The prestigious event brought together the topeight swimmers in each discipline, showcasing elite talent and competitive excellence.

UDST swimmers delivered exceptional performances across multiple events. Ahmed Diab secured first place in both the 50m and 100m Freestyle, earning the title of King of Freestyle 2026. His teammate, Yussef Gemae, achieved second place in the same events, demonstrating strong competitive spirit and consistency. In the 50m Backstroke, Abdulla Elghamry claimed first place and was crowned King of Backstroke 2026.



Lighting up Blue for World Autism Awareness Day

On World Autism Awareness Day, University of Doha for Science and Technology lit up in blue, joining landmarks, buildings, homes, and communities worldwide in raising awareness about autism and recognizing those who support individuals on the spectrum.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental condition that affects communication, interaction, and how individuals understood the world. It was described as a spectrum because each person's experience was unique. Autism is not a disease, but a different way of processing the world.

It is not always visible. Some individuals show clear symptoms, while others experience internal challenges. Communication varies, and these differences do not reflect intelligence or emotions. Sensory experiences could feel overwhelming, and repetitive behaviors often helped with self-regulation.

Inclusion starts with awareness. Understanding, acceptance, and empathy helps create a more supportive and inclusive community for everyone.





Film Festival Rescheduled to Celebrate Global Accessibility Awareness Day

UDST will host its annual film festival in celebration of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) on **June 4, 2026**. The festival highlights the importance of inclusion, accessibility, and equal opportunities in education, bringing together students, faculty, and members of the public.

Filmmakers are invited to submit their entries by the **new deadline of May 28, 2026**, offering an extended opportunity to share stories that explore accessibility challenges and triumphs. Attendees will have the chance to view a diverse selection of films, vote for their favorites, and participate in discussions that encourage dialogue on empowerment, diversity, and inclusive practices.

The event provides a platform to leverage understanding and empathy while promoting accessible practices in both academic and social environments. By showcasing a range of experiences, the festival underlines UDST's commitment to inclusive education, social responsibility, and community engagement in Qatar and beyond.

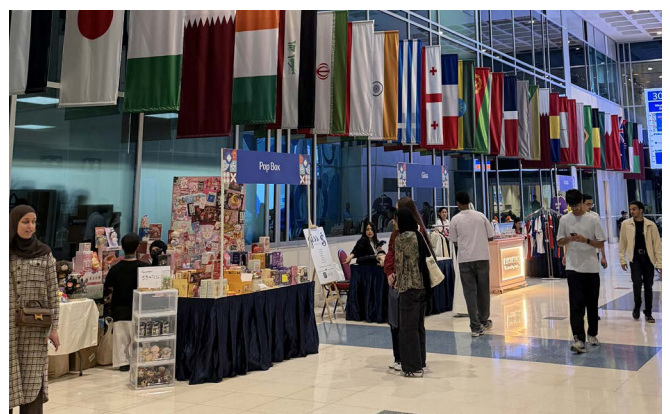


UDST Market Showcases Campus Entrepreneurship

UDST recently hosted the UDST Market, a vibrant campus event celebrating entrepreneurship and innovation among students, alumni, and staff. Participants had the opportunity to showcase their own businesses through booths, stalls, and interactive displays, offering a wide range of products and services to the university community.

The market provided a platform for budding entrepreneurs to gain exposure, connect with customers, and share their creative ideas. Visitors explored diverse offerings, including handmade crafts, food items, fashion, and tech solutions, highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit thriving across UDST.

By organizing such initiatives, UDST continues to support practical entrepreneurship education, equipping its community with real-world skills while celebrating innovation and creativity on campus.





Students Gain Hands-On Experience in Preventive Oral Health

UDST recently partnered with the Primary Health Care Corporation to deliver a joint training initiative for fourth-year Dental Hygiene students. The program, organized by UDST in collaboration with the Oral Health Promotion and Prevention, offered students practical exposure to community-based oral health practices.

Through participation in the national “My Teeth” school program, 16 UDST students observed and engaged in preventive oral care activities within government schools. The experience allowed them to work alongside multidisciplinary health teams, communicate effectively with children and educators, and apply culturally relevant health messaging.

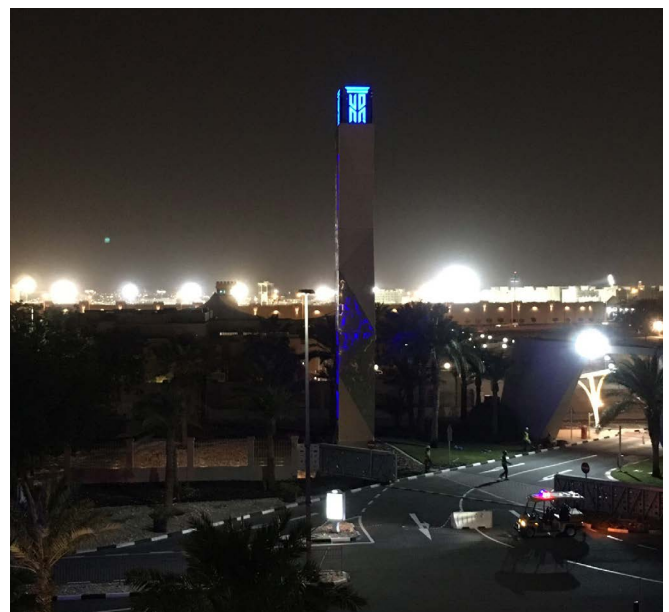
This initiative reflects UDST’s commitment to integrating academic learning with real-world professional practice. By providing hands-on training opportunities, UDST helps prepare students for careers in the health sector, supports national efforts in preventive care, and contributes to building a skilled generation of Qatari health professionals.



Celebrating Earth Hour to Promote Sustainability

UDST marked Earth Hour by switching off non-essential lights across its campus, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility. The initiative encouraged students, faculty, and staff to reflect on energy consumption and take part in global efforts to address climate change. During the hour, the campus community participated by turning off devices and lights.

By observing Earth Hour, UDST highlighted the role of educational institutions in encouraging environmental stewardship and promoting a culture of sustainability. The initiative served as a reminder that collective actions, both big and small, contribute to protecting the planet and shaping a more environmentally conscious society for the future.





UHUB x Malomatia: Driving Innovation Through Industry Collaboration

As part of UHUB's role in encouraging students to develop solutions for industry challenges, UHUB partnered with Malomatia to connect participants in the Scale AI program with real business needs in Qatar. Through this collaboration, participants are challenged to build AI-powered solutions addressing key challenges identified by Malomatia, giving them the opportunity to apply their learning to practical, real-world use cases.

As one of Qatar's leading technology and digital transformation companies, Malomatia brings expertise in AI, data, cybersecurity, cloud services, and government technologies. Its involvement gives participants direct exposure to business challenges, current industry priorities, and the practical application of AI across different sectors.

The collaboration also creates valuable opportunities for participants to strengthen their portfolios, engage with industry experts, validate their ideas, and build solutions with long-term commercial and social impact. The winning team will receive a prize, along with the opportunity for an internship with Malomatia.

This collaboration reflects UHUB's commitment to strengthening entrepreneurship and innovation by connecting students with real market needs, industry

partners, and opportunities to build solutions with meaningful impact.

UHUB Brings Global Investment Expertise to Founders with Mohamed Al Malik

UHUB is pleased to welcome Mohamed Al Malik from Human Capital, as Investor in Residence. Through this initiative, startup founders and participants will have the opportunity to engage directly with an experienced investor and gain insights into fundraising, investment readiness, business growth, and what investors look for in early-stage ventures.

The initiative is designed to provide founders with valuable mentoring and guidance from an experienced investor with international exposure. Mohamed Al Malik brings valuable experience in supporting startups, evaluating business opportunities, and helping founders strengthen their business models and market positioning.

His involvement will provide participants with practical advice on how to better present their ideas, validate their business potential, and prepare for future investment opportunities. This initiative reflects UHUB's commitment to connecting founders with global experts, investors, and mentors who can help them build stronger, more scalable ventures.

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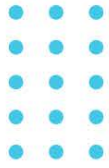


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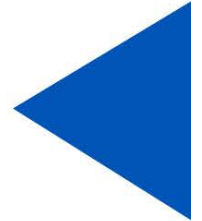
Taking Care of Yourself During Difficult Times

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Understand & Accept Your Reactions

Everyone experiences difficult moments differently, and feeling like worry or tension are normal during stressful time.



Balance Information

Staying informed is helpful, but too much news can increase stress.



Focus on What You Can Control

Focusing on what you can control helps maintain calm.



Practice Calming Strategies

Try soothing sounds or maintain a simple daily routine.



Seek Support When Needed

Talking to friends or professionals can help you cope.



Your Safety and Wellbeing Matter

Take care of yourselves and those around you.

UDST Counselling and Student Support Services are here if you need support.





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