



ADVANCING EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION



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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

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

As we conclude the Spring 2026 semester, we take this opportunity to reflect on another successful chapter in the University of Doha for Science and Technology's journey. This edition highlights a series of achievements that demonstrate our continued commitment to excellence, innovation, collaboration, and student success.

This period was marked by significant milestones that strengthen our impact across education, research, and industry. We celebrated the launch of the Executive Master of Health Administration in partnership with the University of Ottawa, providing healthcare professionals with access to world-class leadership education. We also expanded our strategic partnerships through collaborations with Siemens to establish a Smart Grid Living Lab and with Qatar Armed Forces Medical Services to advance healthcare education, clinical training, and research.

Our commitment to quality and continuous improvement was further reinforced through the achievement of ISO 9001:2015 certification, a globally recognized standard that reflects the strength of our quality management systems and our dedication to delivering exceptional education and services.

Research and innovation continue to flourish across the University. Joining the Forum for Open Research in MENA (FORM) and hosting the Electrical Engineering QRDI Dissemination Workshop further strengthened our role in advancing knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and applied research within Qatar and the region.

Thank you to every member of our community for your dedication, passion, and contribution to UDST's continued success throughout the semester. Together, we continue to build a future defined by excellence, innovation, and impact.

As the academic year ends, I wish you all a restful, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for another successful academic year.

See you in the next academic year.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi
President,
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Launching Executive Master of Health Administration in Partnership with the University of Ottawa in Canada

The College of Business at the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST), in collaboration with the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa, launched the new Executive Master of Health Administration (EMHA), a graduate program designed to develop the next generation of healthcare executive leaders and administrators in Qatar and the region.

The program was officially launched during a ceremony held at UDST, attended by a distinguished group of academic leaders, decision-makers, healthcare experts, and professionals. The event also welcomed H.E. Sheikh Dr. Mohammed bin Hamad Al Thani, Director of the Non-Communicable Disease Prevention Programs Department at the Ministry of Public Health, and Dr. Rayana Ahmad Bou Haka, WHO Country Director, along with representatives from several leading healthcare institutions in Qatar, including Hamad Medical Corporation, Sidra Medicine, The View Hospital, the Qatar Cancer Society, and Al Ahli Hospital. The strong participation reflected the growing commitment to developing leadership and management capabilities within the healthcare sector and strengthening the academic partnerships that support its advancement.

The Executive Master of Health Administration combines academic excellence with practical, industry-focused learning, equipping experienced healthcare professionals

with the strategic, leadership, and system-level capabilities needed to lead change in complex healthcare environments. Through a curriculum grounded in leadership, strategy, innovation, and the business of healthcare, graduates develop the skills required to advance into senior leadership roles. Graduates of the program will earn dual degrees from the University of Ottawa and the University of Doha for Science and Technology, providing them with internationally recognized credentials and a global perspective on healthcare leadership.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vincent Mangematin, Dean of the College of Business at UDST, emphasized the significance of the partnership and the program's contribution to Qatar's healthcare ecosystem: "The launch of the Executive Master of Health Administration reflects our commitment to developing highly skilled leaders capable of advancing healthcare systems and driving innovation across the sector. Through our partnership with the University of Ottawa, we are providing healthcare professionals with access to world-class education that supports Qatar's national priorities and strengthens the future of healthcare management."

Dr. Greg Richards, Vice Dean for Graduate Professional Programs from the University of Ottawa, highlighted the importance of international collaboration in addressing



emerging healthcare challenges and preparing leaders to navigate an increasingly complex healthcare landscape. The program has been developed specifically for working professionals seeking to enhance their leadership capabilities while continuing their careers. Through a curriculum that integrates strategic management, organizational leadership, health informatics and data-driven decision-making, health systems and policy, and innovation, participants will gain the expertise required to lead healthcare organizations and improve healthcare delivery outcomes.

The launch of the EMHA further strengthens UDST's portfolio of graduate programs and reflects the institution's ongoing commitment to offering industry-relevant education that responds to evolving workforce needs. It also reinforces the university's strategic partnerships with leading international institutions to provide students with access to globally recognized academic opportunities.

Applications for the inaugural cohort of the Executive Master of Health Administration are now open, with the program set to welcome its first group of students in the upcoming academic cycle.





Partnering with Qatar Armed Forces Medical Services to Advance Healthcare Education and Research

UDST signed an MoU with Qatar Armed Forces Medical Services (QAFMS), represented by Military Medical City Hospital (MMCH), to strengthen collaboration in healthcare education, clinical training, and applied research.

The partnership establishes a framework for cooperation across several strategic areas, including joint undergraduate and graduate academic programs, student internships, research opportunities, and project-based initiatives. The agreement also supports the organization of joint conferences, seminars, symposiums, and professional events, as well as academic and clinical staff exchanges.

As one of Qatar's leading governmental healthcare entities, MMCH plays a vital role in delivering high-quality healthcare services while supporting the development of national healthcare competencies. Through this collaboration, students will gain valuable exposure to real-world clinical environments and industry expertise.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing healthcare education, fostering innovation, and preparing future healthcare professionals equipped to meet the evolving needs of Qatar's healthcare sector.



Achieving ISO 9001:2015 Certification

UDST has achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification, a globally recognized standard for quality management systems, reinforcing its commitment to excellence, continuous improvement, and the delivery of high-quality education, research, professional training, and services.

Awarded following a comprehensive audit conducted by Bureau Veritas Certification, the certification recognizes UDST's effective quality management practices and its ability to consistently meet stakeholder expectations while maintaining internationally recognized standards across its operations.

ISO 9001:2015 is the world's leading quality management standard, awarded to organizations that demonstrate strong governance, efficient processes, and a culture of continuous improvement. The certification covers the University's provision of higher education degrees, research, professional training, and services.

This achievement reflects UDST's ongoing commitment to operational excellence, accountability, and innovation while supporting its mission as Qatar's national applied university. It also strengthens the University's position as a leading institution dedicated to quality, workforce development, and sustainable growth.



Partnering with Siemens to Establish Smart Grid Living Lab

UDST has signed an MoU with Siemens in Qatar to establish a Smart Grid Living Lab, strengthening collaboration in energy innovation, applied research, and workforce development. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of the German Ambassador to the State of Qatar, H.E. Oliver Owczar.

The partnership represents a significant step toward advancing Qatar's smart energy capabilities by creating a collaborative environment where students, faculty, researchers, and industry experts can develop and test next-generation technologies and solutions for the energy sector.

The Smart Grid Living Lab will serve as a hub for experiential learning, applied research, and industry engagement, providing students with hands-on exposure to smart grid technologies and real-world energy systems. The collaboration will also support internships, training opportunities, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and curriculum enhancement efforts aligned with emerging industry needs.

Through this partnership, UDST continues to strengthen its role as Qatar's national applied university, connecting education, research, and industry to support innovation, sustainability, and the development of future-ready talent.



Celebrating Innovation at the Infrastructure Intelligence Hackathon Competition

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST), in collaboration with Vodafone Qatar, hosted the Infrastructure Intelligence Hackathon Competition Award Ceremony, recognizing the creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills demonstrated by participating student teams.

The competition challenged students to develop practical solutions to real-world challenges in smart energy and telecommunications, providing them with an opportunity to apply their knowledge in a dynamic, industry-focused environment. Throughout the hackathon, participants worked collaboratively to design innovative concepts that address emerging technological needs and contribute to future infrastructure development.

The award ceremony celebrated the outstanding achievements of the winning teams while highlighting the value of industry-academic partnerships in fostering innovation and experiential learning. Through initiatives such as this hackathon, UDST continues to empower students with the skills, experience, and industry exposure needed to succeed in an increasingly technology-driven world.



Celebrating 12 Graduates of International Maritime Instructor Training

UDST recognized 12 participants who successfully completed the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Training Course for Instructors, based on the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Model Course 6.09, during a certificate presentation ceremony held at the Maritime Training and Simulation Centre (MTSC).

The graduates represented a range of governmental and national maritime entities, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening Qatar's maritime workforce through internationally recognized professional development. The course equips maritime professionals with the instructional knowledge and practical teaching techniques required to effectively plan, deliver, and assess competency-based training in accordance with STCW standards. It supports the development of qualified instructors capable of delivering high-quality maritime education while promoting safety, competence, and international best practices across the sector.



Forum for Open Research in MENA

Joining FORM to Advance Open Research in the Region

UDST has joined the Forum for Open Research in MENA (FORM), reinforcing its commitment to advancing Open Research, Open Access, and collaborative knowledge-sharing across the Arab region.

FORM is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting the development of Open Science policies and practices within research communities and institutions throughout the region. Through this membership, UDST joins a growing network of universities and organizations working to enhance the accessibility, visibility, and impact of research.

The partnership aligns with UDST's mission to promote excellence in applied education and research while contributing to innovation and sustainable development. It also supports the University's ongoing efforts to foster transparent, inclusive, and collaborative research practices through initiatives related to open access publishing, research data management, and Open Educational Resources.



Cisco Networking Academy Cup



CCIT Students Excel at EMEA CISCO NetAcad Cup Competition

Students from the College of Computing and Information Technology (CCIT)) achieved an impressive result at the EMEA CISCO NetAcad Cup Capture the Flag Competition, held in collaboration with Real Madrid.

The competition attracted more than 100,000 learners from 72 countries, with only the top academies from each country advancing to the regional stage. Representing Qatar, UDST successfully progressed to the semi-finals, where the team topped its group against leading academies from the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia, securing a place in the International Grand Finale.

Competing among the strongest teams across the EMEA region, Team QATAR#UDST achieved 21st place overall in its first participation in the competition. The students demonstrated exceptional technical expertise, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork, highlighting the strength of UDST's cybersecurity and networking education programs.



Annual Film Festival Promotes Inclusion and Accessibility

UDST marked Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) through its annual film festival, reaffirming its commitment to fostering an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all. The event welcomed students, faculty members, and members of the public to explore important themes related to accessibility, diversity, and social inclusion.

The festival featured a selection of films that highlighted personal experiences, challenges, and achievements of individuals from diverse backgrounds, encouraging attendees to reflect on the importance of equal access and participation in education and society. Participants were invited to vote for their favorite films and engage in discussions that promoted awareness, understanding, and meaningful dialogue around inclusion and empowerment.

By creating opportunities for learning and conversation, the festival encouraged greater empathy and appreciation for diverse perspectives. The initiative reflects UDST's ongoing efforts to advance accessible practices, strengthen community engagement, and promote a culture where every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.



Partnering with Qatar Cricket Association to Expand Opportunities for Students

UDST signed an MoU with the Qatar Cricket Association (QCA), strengthening collaboration in sports, education, and talent development.

The partnership aims to create new opportunities for students through initiatives that combine academic learning with athletic and community engagement. By bringing together the expertise of both institutions, the collaboration will support the development of programs and activities that encourage student participation, leadership, and personal growth.

The agreement reflects a shared commitment to fostering a vibrant learning environment that extends beyond the classroom, while promoting the values of teamwork, excellence, and lifelong learning. It also opens new avenues for engagement in sports-related activities and community initiatives that contribute to students' overall development.

Through strategic partnerships such as this, UDST continues to enhance student experience and strengthen connections with key national organizations that support youth development and community impact.



Hosting Electrical Engineering QRDI Dissemination Workshop 2026

UDST hosted the Electrical Engineering QRDI Dissemination Workshop 2026, bringing together researchers, academics, innovators, and industry professionals to exchange knowledge and showcase advancements in electrical engineering.

Organized in collaboration with the Qatar Research, Development and Innovation (QRDI) Council, the workshop provided a platform for participants to present research findings, discuss emerging technologies, and explore opportunities for collaboration. The event highlighted innovative projects and research initiatives addressing current and future challenges within the field of electrical engineering.

Through presentations, discussions, and networking opportunities, attendees were able to share insights, strengthen partnerships, and identify new avenues for innovation and applied research.

The workshop reflects UDST's commitment to advancing research excellence, fostering collaboration between academia and industry, and supporting Qatar's research, development, and innovation ecosystem while contributing to technological advancement and sustainable development.



MSc. STEM & TVET Student Selected to Present at Prestigious Regional Conference

UDST proudly celebrates the achievement of Fatima AlSharoqi, a Qatari student in the Master of Science in STEM and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) program, who has been selected to present her research at a highly prestigious regional conference.

The conference is recognized for its rigorous selection process, with an acceptance rate of only 10 percent, making Fatima's achievement a remarkable accomplishment that reflects both her academic excellence and the quality of research being conducted within the program.

Fatima's selection highlights the growing impact of UDST graduate students in contributing to research and innovation across the region. Her success demonstrates the University's commitment to developing highly skilled researchers and professionals who are equipped to address emerging challenges and advance knowledge in their fields.

UDST congratulates Fatima on this outstanding achievement and wishes her continued success in her academic and professional journey.



Launching Bachelor's and Diploma Programs in Animal Health and Veterinary Science

UDST has launched new Bachelor's and Diploma programs in Animal Health and Veterinary Science, further strengthening its commitment to supporting national priorities and developing specialized talent in key sectors.

Designed in response to the growing demand for qualified professionals in animal health, the programs combine academic knowledge with hands-on training in animal care, disease prevention, diagnostics, livestock management, and veterinary support services. Through UDST's applied learning model, students will gain practical experience and industry-relevant skills that prepare them to contribute effectively to the field.

The programs align with Qatar's One Health approach, which recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health, while supporting national efforts to strengthen public health and veterinary services.

By expanding educational opportunities in this specialized field, UDST continues to develop future-ready graduates equipped to address workforce needs and contribute to the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030.



Celebrating World Environment Day 2026: “Recycle for Reward”

The Environment Club, in collaboration with the College of Health Sciences, celebrated World Environment Day 2026 through a student-led sustainability initiative titled Recycle for Reward.

The event engaged students, faculty, and staff in a series of interactive activities designed to promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainable habits. Participants learned about proper recycling practices at UDST, tested their knowledge through a sustainability-themed Spin the Wheel challenge, and took part in a Swap and Reuse Corner, where gently used items were exchanged to support waste reduction and responsible consumption.

Aligned with this year’s World Environment Day message on climate action, the event highlighted the importance of individual responsibility in protecting the environment. Through practical examples, participants were encouraged to reduce unnecessary consumption, reuse items whenever possible, conserve resources, and make environmentally conscious choices in their daily lives.



Expert Delivers Lecture on the Future of Digital Security at CCQ

The Community College of Qatar (CCQ) hosted a public lecture titled The Future of Digital Security: Modern Trends in Cryptography, delivered by Dr. Abdullatif Shikfa, Associate Professor and Head of the Cybersecurity Department at the College of Computing and Information Technology, University of Doha for Science and Technology. The event brought together faculty members, staff, and students to explore emerging developments in cybersecurity and advanced cryptographic technologies.

During the session, Dr. Shikfa highlighted the growing role of cryptography in protecting digital assets, safeguarding privacy, and securing critical infrastructure. He also discussed emerging trends, including privacy-preserving technologies, computation on encrypted data, artificial intelligence in cybersecurity, and the implications of future computing technologies.

The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, giving attendees the opportunity to engage with the speaker on current cybersecurity challenges and future career opportunities, while reinforcing the importance of collaboration between academic institutions in preparing graduates for an increasingly digital world.



UHUB Entrepreneurship Club Builders Hackathon



The UHUB Entrepreneurship Club hosted its first-ever Builders Hackathon at UHUB. Participants collaborated in teams to develop AI-powered solutions for real challenges. The event provided students with an opportunity to apply their skills, build practical projects, strengthen their portfolios, and gain hands-on experience in innovation and problem-solving.

Teams presented their solutions during a pitch competition in front of external and internal judges including Dr. Seifeddine Bouallegue and Mohamed elMalik. The hackathon also created valuable networking opportunities, allowing students to connect with startup founders and explore potential internship opportunities.

UHUB Workshop: Deep Dive into Startup Investing

Building on the foundations introduced in the first workshop, UHUB's Investor in Residence, Mohamed Elmalik, delivered a second session focused on more advanced startup investment concepts. Participants explored investment strategies, due diligence processes, cap table management, term sheets, investor negotiations, portfolio diversification, and key financial metrics used to evaluate startup performance. The workshop provided founders with a deeper understanding of the investor perspective and practical guidance on preparing for investment discussions, structuring deals, and navigating the fundraising journey with confidence.

UHUB at the Offer Holders' Day Event

UHUB engaged with over 100 individuals through a series of interactive entrepreneurship-themed activities at the Offer Holders' Day event. The booth attracted strong interest from high school students, providing an opportunity to introduce them to UHUB's programs, services, and entrepreneurial opportunities. Through hands-on challenges and engaging discussions, attendees gained insight into innovation, startups, and the entrepreneurial mindset while connecting with the UHUB community.





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