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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the forty-fourth issue of the **UDST POST**.

As we open the doors to a new academic year at UDST, we are delighted to welcome more than 2,000 students to our growing community. A new academic year brings with it fresh beginnings, new possibilities, and opportunities to learn, grow, and shape the future together.

This year, our newest students began their journey through “Ahlan,” our campus-wide orientation event. More than a welcome, Ahlan gave our students the opportunity to discover campus life, connect with faculty and college deans, and learn about the academic resources and support services available to them. It marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter and welcomed our students into a community committed to their success from day one.

As our University continues to grow, so do the opportunities available to our students. With more than 80 academic programs across five colleges, UDST continues to expand its academic offerings in response to the evolving needs of Qatar and its industries. This year also brings new programs in health, veterinary and animal sciences, further strengthening our contribution to national workforce development.

Research and innovation remain at the heart of our journey. Across the University, our students, faculty, and researchers continue to turn ideas into meaningful solutions, strengthen connections with industry, and share their work on the international stage. From the Electrical Engineering QRDI Dissemination Workshop to UDST graduate participation at IEEE ISIE 2026 in Japan, these achievements reflect the impact of applied research and the talent within our community.

Our commitment to international collaboration also continues to create new opportunities for knowledge exchange and impact. Our partnership with the Federal Republic of Somalia is supporting cooperation in higher education, while our vocational training initiative with Uzbekistan has equipped 14 young professionals to contribute as certified trainers in their home country.

We wish all our students, faculty, and staff a wonderful and successful academic year ahead. Let us make this year one of inspiration, discovery, collaboration, and achievement. Together, we will continue to build a future defined by excellence, innovation, and impact.

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



UDST Welcomes Students for the 2026/2027 Academic Year

The University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) officially welcomed 2,000 students, with Qatari students representing 25%, for the 2026/2027 academic year, marking the beginning of another year of applied learning, innovation, and student success.

This year, the University continues to expand its academic offerings and strengthen its role as Qatar's national university for applied education. With five dynamic colleges, UDST now offers more than 80 academic programs across the fields of Business, Computing and Information Technology, Engineering and Technology, Health Sciences, and General Education, providing students with diverse pathways that respond to national priorities and the evolving needs of industry.

To support Qatar's growing knowledge economy and workforce development, UDST introduced a new portfolio of specialized academic programs for this academic year. These include the Executive Master of Health Administration in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and the University of Ottawa in Canada, and the Master of Science in Midwifery. In addition, in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipality, UDST launched the Bachelor and Diploma of Science in Animal Health and Veterinary Science, to prepare highly qualified talents capable of meeting the different needs of Qatar's key sectors. Students may also benefit from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's In-Country Scholarship, available for many UDST programs.

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

As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing student experience, UDST continues to offer a range of initiatives that support student success from the very beginning of university life. The Student Success Management System helps students navigate their academic journey through personalized support and streamlined services.





Commenting on the beginning of the academic year, Dr. Salem Al Naemi, President of UDST said:

“At UDST, every new academic year represents a renewed commitment to empowering the next generation of innovators, professionals, and leaders. Our expanding academic offerings reflect our vision of anticipating the future while responding to the evolving needs of our nation. As our students begin this exciting chapter, they join a university where applied learning, innovation, and industry collaboration come together to prepare them for meaningful careers and lifelong success.”

At UDST, Qatari citizens and children of Qatari women continue to benefit from tuition-free diploma and bachelor's degree programs. Through its growing portfolio of applied bachelor's and master's degrees, diplomas, and certificates, the University remains committed to delivering high-quality education that prepares graduates with the knowledge, technical expertise, and practical skills required to support Qatar National Vision 2030 and meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global economy.





Electrical Engineering Workshop Advances Applied Research

The Department of Electrical Engineering at the College of Engineering and Technology hosted the Electrical Engineering QRDI Dissemination Workshop 2026, bringing together students, faculty, researchers, QRDI representatives, and industry partners to explore opportunities for applied research and collaboration.

Held under the theme “Smart Grid, Cyber-Physical Systems, and Autonomous Resource Management through an Industry-Academia Collaboration Lens,” the workshop featured industry contributions from Kahramaa, Siemens W.L.L., Vodafone Qatar, and Qatar Rail, highlighting real-world applications and emerging opportunities across the sector.

Students engaged with applied research through the Electrical Engineering UREP poster session and capstone project demonstrations, while an industry-academia brainstorming panel explored potential capstone projects and collaboration pathways.

The program also featured research presentations covering autonomous resource management, artificial intelligence, telecommunications, connected vehicles, and smart infrastructure, strengthening connections between academic research, student development, and industry needs.



Foundation Programs Receive Second 10-Year Re-accreditation

The Foundation Program Unit at UDST has secured a second consecutive **10-year re-accreditation** for its Foundation Program and Technician Certificate Foundation Program from the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA), an internationally recognized accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions.

The accreditation recognizes the quality, rigor, and effectiveness of UDST’s preparatory programs and their alignment with global best practices in English language education. It also reflects the University’s sustained commitment to quality assurance, continuous improvement, and student success.

The re-accreditation reinforces the strength of UDST’s preparatory programs and their role in equipping students with the language proficiency, academic skills, and confidence needed to succeed in higher education. It also highlights the University’s commitment to maintaining internationally recognized standards across its academic programs.



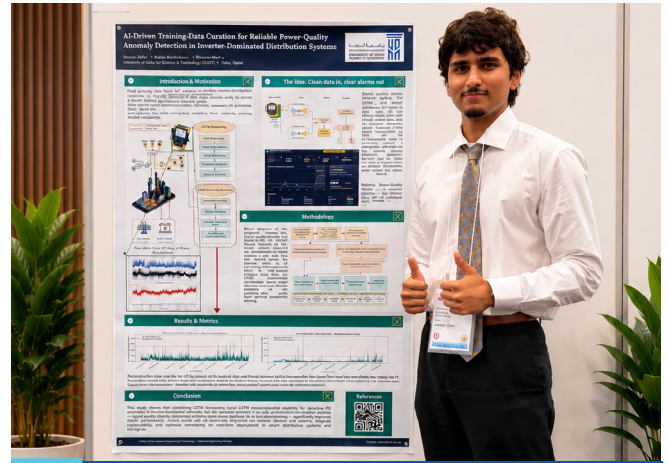
Collaboration with the Federal Republic of Somalia to Strengthen Higher Education

UDST has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Republic of Somalia's Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education to strengthen cooperation in higher education, academic program development, faculty professional development, and quality assurance.

The partnership will support the development of joint diploma-level programs in five fields: Information Technology, Information Systems, Construction Engineering, Electric Power and Renewable Energy Engineering Technology, and Healthcare Management.

The MoU also includes cooperation on a joint, co-branded institute in the Federal Republic of Somalia, further expanding opportunities for academic collaboration and institutional capacity building.

Through the partnership, both parties will collaborate on academic program development, faculty capacity building, quality assurance, and knowledge exchange, creating new opportunities for students and institutions while contributing to the continued development of higher education in the Federal Republic of Somalia.



UDST Graduate Presents Applied Research at IEEE ISIE 2026

From UDST graduate to international conference presenter, Ameen Zarif recently presented his research at IEEE ISIE 2026 in Nagoya, Japan, highlighting the impact of applied research and researcher development at the University.

A 2025 UDST graduate, Ameen joined the research group as a Research Assistant in October 2025, contributing to the QRDI-funded AICC04 project, "Autonomous Multi-Layer Resource Management for Critical Infrastructure: Electrical Power/Water/Transportation Nexus." His paper focuses on AI-driven training-data curation to improve the reliability of power-quality anomaly detection in inverter-dominated distribution systems.

His work demonstrates the project's focus on developing practical, data-driven approaches for complex infrastructure systems while supporting knowledge transfer and early-career researcher development. Ameen's progression reflects how applied research, mentorship, and hands-on experience can equip emerging researchers with the technical and communication skills needed to contribute to internationally presented research.



Uzbek Trainees Graduate as Certified Vocational Trainers

UDST celebrated the successful completion of a 10-month vocational training program for 14 young professionals from Uzbekistan's Namangan region. The graduates completed specialized training at UDST and are now set to serve as certified trainers at the Uzbek-Qatari Vocational Skills Centre in Namangan.

The program, launched by the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Qatar, aims to strengthen vocational education and workforce development by equipping young professionals with internationally recognized skills. The initiative follows a Memorandum of Cooperation

between the Centre for Progressive Reforms in Uzbekistan and UDST, supporting the establishment of the Centre, which is expected to train approximately 1,000 specialists annually in five high-demand fields.

The achievement highlights UDST's commitment to applied education, international collaboration, and knowledge exchange, contributing to the development of skilled professionals in Uzbekistan.

University Skills Summer Program Prepares New Students for University Life

UDST welcomed newly accepted students to its University Skills Summer Program, designed to help them transition confidently into university life and prepare for academic success.

The program combines academic skills workshops, personal development activities, leadership challenges, career exploration, and opportunities to connect with peers, faculty, and student support services. Students also develop practical skills in areas such as effective study strategies, academic writing, research, time management, CV writing, and career planning.



As a non-credit program, the initiative reflects UDST's commitment to supporting students from the beginning of their university journey. Participants who complete the program receive a certificate, recognizing their engagement and preparation for a successful academic experience.



Thani Bin Abdullah Foundation and UDST Expand Access to Higher Education

UDST has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Thani Bin Abdullah Foundation for Humanitarian Services to expand access to quality higher education for sponsored students from underserved backgrounds in Qatar.

The partnership establishes a framework for supporting Qatari and non-Qatari students through financial assistance, academic support, and capacity development, helping them pursue their academic aspirations and contribute to Qatar's development. The agreement also provides for cooperation throughout students' academic journeys, including mechanisms to support tuition fees and create an enabling environment for educational success.

Through this collaboration, UDST and the Thani Bin Abdullah Foundation reaffirm their shared commitment to education, human development, and social responsibility, while creating meaningful opportunities for students to build their skills, achieve their potential, and contribute to their communities and beyond.



Highlighting Healthy Campus Practices at FISU World Forum 2026

UDST brought its experience in advancing campus wellbeing to the FISU World Forum 2026 in Östersund, Sweden, where universities and experts gathered to examine how sport and physical activity can contribute to healthier university communities.

As a Platinum-label university under the FISU Healthy Campus Program, UDST shared its approach to creating an inclusive and supportive campus environment. Megan Skeels, Head of Wellness and Health Promotion at the Sport and Wellness Directorate, represented UDST on the Healthy Campus panel alongside representatives from Umeå University and the University of Calgary.

At UDST, wellbeing is integrated into the wider student experience through a Wellness Strategy built around eight dimensions, including physical, mental, social, financial, spiritual, and cultural wellbeing. This approach is supported by student engagement through committees, focus groups, surveys, and student-led activities, while new students are introduced to the strategy and available support from their first semester.





Anyone Can Build – Web App Bootcamp

Innovation begins when ideas can be transformed into reality. Through the Anyone Can Build-Web App Bootcamp, participants discovered that creating web applications is no longer limited to experienced programmers. By the end of the three-day intensive program, participants had successfully designed, built, and launched live web applications, demonstrating that innovative ideas can be brought to life in just days rather than months. By dramatically reducing the time, cost, and technical barriers to building digital products, the bootcamp empowered entrepreneurs to rapidly validate concepts, accelerate innovation, and move from idea to execution with confidence.

The success of the bootcamp was driven by Dr. Seifeddine Bouallegue, Department Head, Software Systems at UDST's College of Computing and Information Technology. Drawing on his expertise in artificial intelligence, software engineering, and digital innovation, as well as his experience as Co-founder of EnableTech and e-Butler, Dr. Bouallegue delivered a highly interactive, hands-on program that equipped participants with the confidence and practical skills to build and launch their first Minimum Viable Products (MVPs), working prototypes that enable founders to test assumptions, refine solutions, attract early adopters, and accelerate the journey from concept to market.





Anyone can Sell: Social Media Marketing Bootcamp

This summer, UHUB brought together students, staff, and faculty for a hands-on digital marketing bootcamp, and the room filled up. Led by education strategist and communications specialist Sara Elamin, the session covered the fundamentals of building a brand from scratch: defining a target audience, crafting a one-sentence pitch, choosing the right platform, and creating content that actually converts. Participants worked through hands-on exercises and a group activity that challenged them to build and present a complete brand identity in under twenty minutes.

UHUB at the Pre-University Summer Camp

UHUB participated in UDSU's Pre-University Summer Camp, a university-wide initiative designed to inspire high school students and introduce them to university life. Through the "Dream, Build, Launch" entrepreneurship session and an interactive booth, UHUB showcased the entrepreneurial mindset and the University's innovation ecosystem, encouraging prospective students to explore entrepreneurship and discover future opportunities at UDSU.

By the end of the session, every participant left with a defined customer profile, a working pitch for their idea or startup, and a concrete action they committed to taking within 24 hours. More than a marketing workshop, the bootcamp reflected something the UHUB community already knows: that the appetite for real, practical learning is here — and it doesn't take much to unlock it.





لقاء الطلبة مع الرئيس Students Meeting with the President

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to a casual gathering with Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST who is looking forward to meeting you and addressing any questions, suggestions or concerns that you may have.

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