



Spring Semester 2024 Kick Off!

As the vibrant blooms of spring usher in a new semester, we extend our warmest wishes to all students embarking on this academic journey! To our returning scholars, may this semester be filled with growth, discovery, and success.

Your journey continues to inspire us!

A hearty welcome to all the new faces joining our academic family. Embrace the opportunities, make lasting connections, and dive into the wealth of knowledge awaiting you. You're not just new students; you're integral threads in the rich tapestry of our learning community. Welcome aboard!

To our Spring 2024 graduates, your finish line is in sight! As you embark on this final leg of your academic adventure, remember that your hard work, dedication, and resilience have brought you here. The finish line is just the beginning of a new chapter.

You've got this!

Wishing everyone a semester filled with accomplishments, joy, and moments of triumph. May your efforts be rewarded, your challenges met with resilience, and your aspirations take flight. Here's to a stellar Spring Semester 2024!

News

WECAA Education Committee Commencement Meeting

Exciting Update from QCAO's Inaugural WECAA Education Committee!

On Wednesday January 24, 2024, QCAO hosted its First Education Panel Meeting in conjunction with the Washington Educational & Cultural Attache Association. In efforts to embolden international education and exchange programs in the United States, WECAA Attache Members and other attendees convened to understand the purpose, cause and foundation of the Education Committee. A collaborative effort involving embassies, universities, and schools, the committee passionately discussed strategies to enhance educational opportunities. Meeting participants included Cultural Attaches from the GCC and other countries, members of the DC Public School System, University Professors, and many other valued guests.

Key highlights of the event included insightful conversations on establishing partnerships with embassies, establishing robust collaborations with universities for academic and cultural inclusiveness, and fostering ties with schools for Arabic language programs. The Committee's focus extended to congregating with WECAA members, aiming to collectively define the objectives that would steer the panel towards impactful initiatives.

The inaugural session marked a pivotal step in promoting educational excellence through cross-border collaborations. Stay tuned for more updates on the WECAA Education Committee's impactful journey!



Internship Registration and Opportunities:

QCAO would like to highlight some resources and links below that can put undergraduate and graduate students on track for internship opportunities. These could be very rewarding and once-in-a-lifetime milestones that will invigorate your academic and career experience in the United States.

Below are links to recently published sources that apply to all degree-seeking students. And yes, that includes international students!

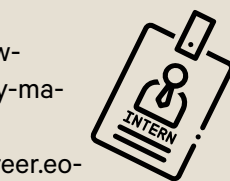
George Mason University Students: <https://www.gmu.edu/news/2024-01/internship-doesnt-pay-mans-got-you-covered>

Arizona State University Students: <https://career.eoss.asu.edu/channels/spring-2024-career-internship-fairs/>

George Washington University Students: <https://careerservices.gwu.edu/where-do-gw-students-intern>

New York University: <https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/programs-and-events.html>

George Washington University Students: <https://careerservices.gwu.edu/where-do-gw-students-intern>



If you are among the students who have registered for internships for 2024, please contact us so that we may track the status of your application at mmohamed@qrcultural.org

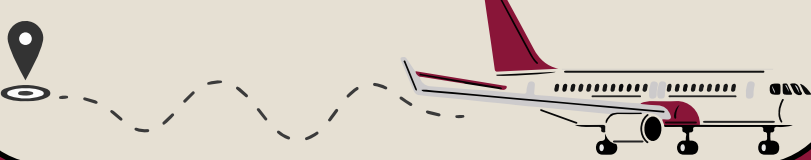


Qatar Airways Student Flyer Incentives

All Qatari students have the benefit of registering their student status via Qatar Airways to receive exclusive benefits such as :

- Savings with every booking
- Extra baggage allowance
- Complimentary onboard Wi-Fi
- Companion Pass
- Tier Upgrade

Visit the link below to join now!
https://www.qatarairways.com/en-us/student-club.html?CID=D-MALL264540&transaction_id=1027b2a96d58ac57ffc176268796c6



Visit to Department of State to meet with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

Our Office had the pleasure of meeting with members of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) who specialize in providing an array of cross-cultural and government-backed collaborations in programs and scholarships for international and exchange students. During this meeting, we had the opportunity to meet with Melissa Deschamps (photographed with the Attache), who is the regional educational advising coordinator (REAC) with EducationUSA based in the US Embassy of Doha, Qatar to talk about expanding growth in opportunities of STEM programs through trainings, workshops, internships and scholarship.



QCAO and MOEHE visit The Bush School in DC

On January 31, 2024, members of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Qatar (MOEHE) were present in the capital and joined QCAO in visiting Texas A&M University's Bush School of Government & Public Service in Washington, DC, headed by Executive Director Lieutenant General (Ret.) Jay Silveria.



QCAO and MOEHE visit George Mason University

On February 01, 2024, Vice Provost of George Mason University Dr. Janette Muir and team members greeted QCAO and MOEHE delegates during a visit to the GMU Campus to ensure a continued and progress-driven relationship with the University for current and prospect Qatari students.



Announcements

Check Your Document Expiration Dates

// Life is a journey filled with exciting destinations, but it's crucial to ensure your documents are up-to-date for a smooth ride!

Take a moment to check the expiration dates on your essential documents:

- Driver's Licenses
- Passports & Visas
- I-20s
- Vehicle Insurance
- Vehicle Tags & License Plates
- Health Insurance
- Leasing/Housing Contracts

Proactive tracking prevents last-minute stress and ensures you're ready for whatever the journey holds. Set reminders, mark your calendars, and stay ahead of expiration dates.



Fullbright Specialist Program:

// The Fulbright Specialist Program is a U.S. Department of State initiative facilitating short-term exchanges for U.S. professionals to collaborate with institutions worldwide. While the program primarily targets U.S. participants, Qatari students and scholars can benefit by engaging in collaborative projects with U.S. specialists. To apply, interested Qatari individuals can explore opportunities to host a Fulbright Specialist through their academic or professional institutions. Host institutions in Qatar can request a U.S. specialist's expertise in various fields such as education and research. The program serves as a platform for Qatari students and scholars to enhance their academic and professional pursuits through collaborative projects with experienced U.S. professionals, fostering cross-cultural exchange and building valuable international connections. For specific application details and eligibility criteria, individuals from Qatar should consult the Fulbright Commission or relevant authorities managing the program in their country.



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