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Pre-departure Orientation Initiative with the U.S. Embassy and Qatar Science and Technology School for Boys

In a display of forward-looking bilateral academic support for Qatari high school students, the US Embassy in Doha and the Qatar Science and Technology School for Boys (QSTSB) recently hosted a Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) , featuring key speakers including the Cultural Attache to the United States and Canada. This engagement opened up face to face interactions with students, focusing on addressing any questions related to admissions within STEM disciplines in U.S universities. Targeted at male students aged 17–18 with a strong academic orientation toward science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, the PDO served as a critical touchpoint in their transition to U.S. higher education. More than an informational session, this engagement offered in-person advisory support addressing admissions, cultural adaptation, and academic expectations across STEM programs in the United States. For Qatar, this initiative is more than symbolic—it involves preparing its most promising youth to navigate, contribute to, and ultimately lead within the global knowledge economy. The PDO equips students not only with procedural readiness but with the intellectual and cultural fluency necessary to thrive in the rigorously competitive American academic landscape. We look forward to receiving freshmen and returning students in the United States for Summer and Fall 2025. Be on the lookout for upcoming informational orientations and events of the same nature (virtual and in-person).





Global Resonance at Passport DC: Showcasing Qatar on the World Stage

At this year's Passport DC "Around the World" showcase—an annual hallmark of soft diplomacy hosted in Washington, D.C.—the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office stood prominently among 20+ participating embassies, projecting national branding through a deliberate lens of cultural sophistication and experiential engagement. The Qatar Cultural Attache Office featured traditional Gers Egeily desserts, and materials in partnership with Qatar Tourism and the Ministry of Culture. We would like to thank student Mohamed Al-Hajri who volunteered during the event and represented Qatar as a national citizen in the United States to the public. The importance of this event not only signifies cultural and diversity inclusiveness, but warmly welcomes people of the public, local DMV visitors and tourists from the public, to enter Embassy quarters and enjoy stations comprising of Qatari art, music, bukhoor, history and literary works for children.

Intelligence Exchange: Meeting with Duke University and Qatar-Based Alumni

During mid-April 2025, we were pleased to join Duke University representatives in Doha for a visit to convene with Qatari-Duke Alumni. This gathering served as a meaningful touchpoint to re-engage with graduates now contributing across sectors in Qatar, and to explore pathways for deeper institutional collaboration between Duke and Qatari stakeholders. Such interactions are invaluable in shaping targeted initiatives around research partnerships, faculty mobility, and alumni-led mentorship pipelines for future Qatari students. For the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office (QCAO), this strengthens our mission to serve not only as a facilitator of outbound education, but as a capacity-building effort to understand and thoughtfully assess former student experiences, creating space for candid conversations and an alumni-based community that flourishes within Doha and its professional and social communities.





Your Journey Begins Here: U.S. Visa Week at the Embassy in Doha (May 27–30, 2025)

We are thrilled to share that the U.S. Embassy in Doha has officially announced Visa Week, taking place from May 27 to May 30, 2025—a dedicated window only for Qatari students applying for F-1 visas to begin their academic journey in the United States. This is a golden opportunity designed with you in mind, and we cannot stress enough the importance of securing your visa appointment before or during this week to ensure a smooth and timely transition to your university life. As you prepare for your first-ever visa interview, know that you are not alone—our Academic team is here to walk you through every step of the process. Whether you need help understanding interview expectations, reviewing your university admission documents, or confirming the full checklist of required materials, we are ready to support you with care and precision. This moment marks the beginning of your future—let us help you step into it with confidence, clarity, and the full support of your Cultural Attaché Office behind you. Please reach out to us on academic@qrcultural.org to schedule a call or virtual meeting.

Hosting George Mason University in Doha

The Qatar Cultural Attaché Office recently had the honor of hosting senior academic leaders from George Mason University (GMU) in Doha, opening an exciting dialogue around academic innovation and international cooperation. For international students, this collaboration holds great promise—discussions centered on joint research projects, faculty exchange programs, and new models of programs and academic opportunities, all of which create future opportunities for student mentorship, internships, and access to globally relevant coursework. GMU's strengths in business, applied research, and engagement with the WISE (World Innovation Summit for Education) ecosystem align powerfully with Qatar's national research priorities, paving the way for more cross-border academic mobility and innovation-driven learning. These partnerships are not just institutional—they are shaping the future academic experiences and professional pathways for students like you.





Observership Pipeline Development: Strategic Dialogue with Cleveland Clinic

In a significant stride toward transnational medical capacity-building, the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office (QCAO) and Cleveland Clinic, one of the world's premier academic medical centers, continued talks during an in-person meeting hosted in our office to pilot a multi-site observership program tailored for Qatari physicians. This initiative is designed to offer immersive clinical exposure under the guidance of Cleveland Clinic's leading specialists, with pathways extended to doctors in Doha, the United States, and Canada. The program targets Qatari doctors holding recognized medical credentials and licensure, and aims to facilitate nuanced engagement.. With Cleveland Clinic's medical education leadership co-developing a bespoke curriculum—aligned with Qatar's evolving healthcare priorities—we look to liaise observerships that will offer unparalleled professional enrichment for doctors in Doha. This initiative is not a one-size-fits-all model; it is a strategically engineered, culturally responsive clinical immersion that reflects our commitment to elevating Qatar's physician workforce through rigorous academic medicine and globally benchmarked standards. Follow-up phases may include short-term clinical rotations, credentialing workshops, and reciprocal academic exchanges. For aspiring and early-career doctors, this is an excellent opportunity of medical exposure and entry into the American medical ecosystem of excellence.

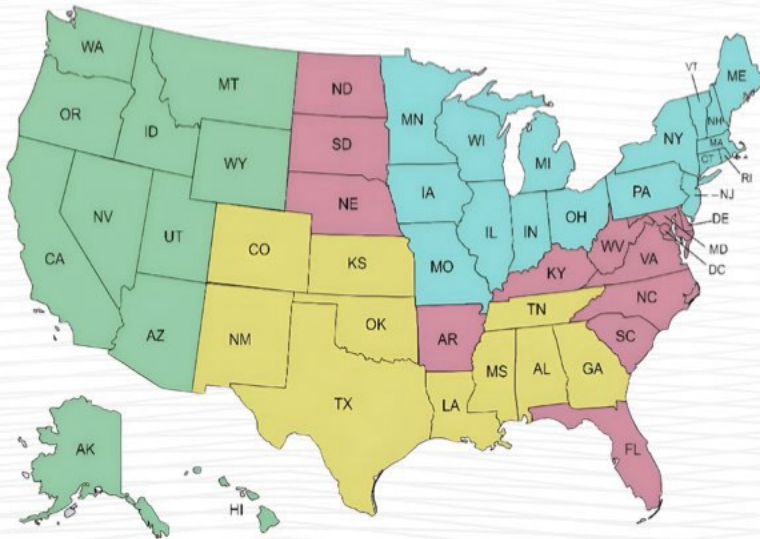




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