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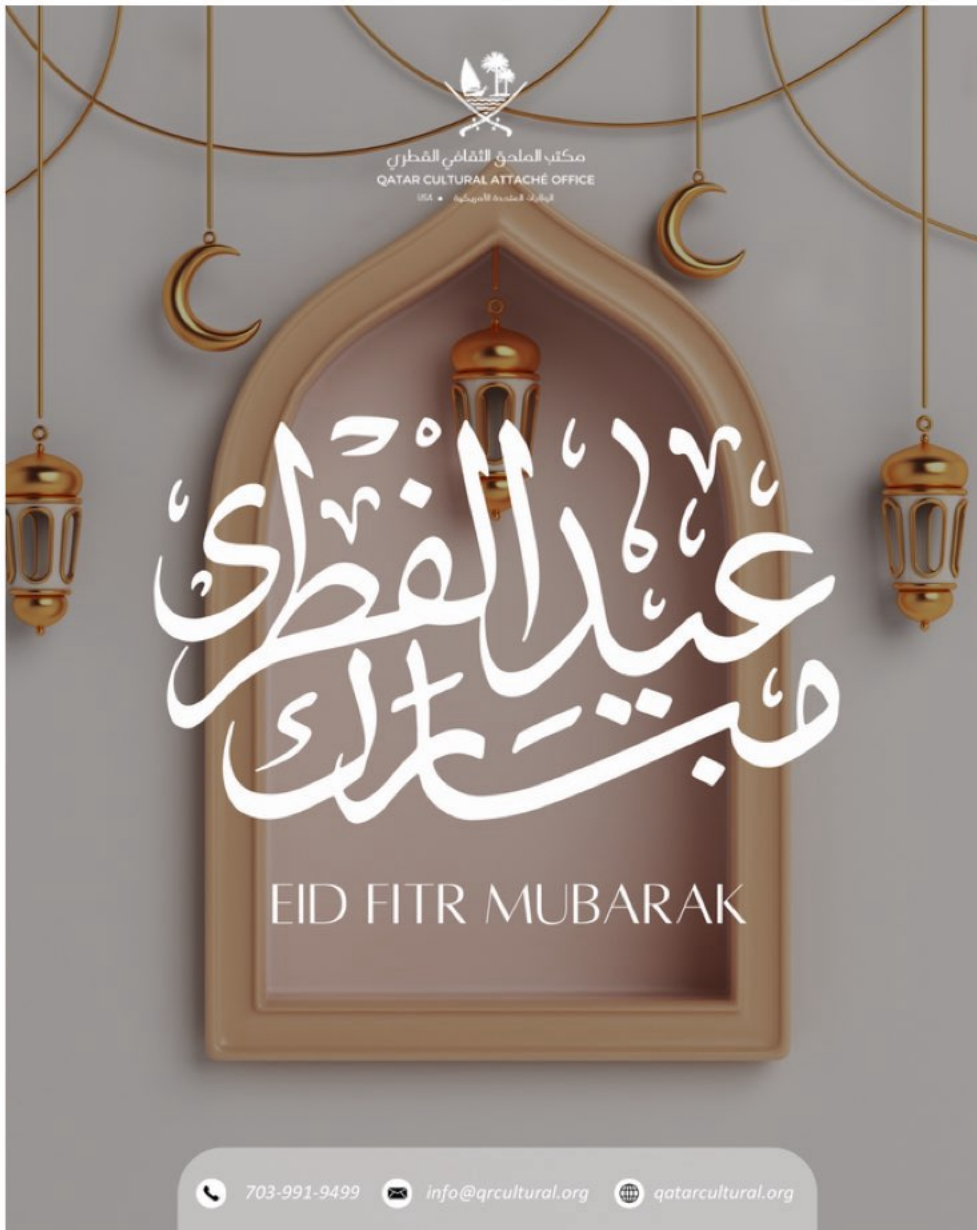
Monthly Newsletter March 2026

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Eid Mubarak from the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office



As Ramadan draws to a close, we extend our sincere wishes for a blessed Eid Al-Fitr to our students, partners, and wider community.

For our students abroad, Ramadan is a reminder that identity is carried, expressed, and reinforced through moments such as these.

We recognize the quiet resilience of our students who continue to balance academic rigor with cultural continuity.

Eid Mubarak to you and your families. May the coming period bring clarity, success, and continued growth.



Ramadan University Iftar Initiatives

TDuring Ramadan 2026, the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office supported iftar initiatives at University of Tulsa and Virginia Commonwealth University.

These gatherings, while modest in form, serve a precise function within the student experience abroad. Universities are not solely academic environments; they are ecosystems where belonging, identity, and interpersonal networks are formed. For Muslim students, Ramadan can either reinforce that sense of belonging—or expose its absence.

Institutional support enables student-led structures to operate with visibility and confidence, positioning them as contributors to campus life rather than participants at its margins.

Equally, these iftars create accessible entry points for wider campus communities to engage with Ramadan, as a lived, shared experience. The result is a subtle but meaningful expansion of cultural literacy.



Padel Up Initiative: Ramadan Tournament Highlights

The continuation of the “Padel Up” Initiative reflects a deliberate approach to student engagement, one that recognizes the role of informal structures in sustaining community cohesion.

Held as a post-iftar Ramadan activity, the initiative brings together Qatari students and families across the DMV area in a setting that is both familiar and adaptive. Sport, in this context, operates as a unifying mechanism—removing barriers to participation while reinforcing shared identity.

Padel’s accessibility and inherently social format make it particularly effective. It requires minimal prior experience, encourages interaction, and creates continuity through repeated engagement. This year, we could tell that our students had been practicing since our last matches in 2025!

More broadly, this initiative aligns with the principles of sports diplomacy, where structured, non-academic environments are leveraged to strengthen networks, reinforce cultural ties, and sustain engagement beyond institutional settings. We thank all students who participated, and also accompanied their friends and children.



Sponsorship Abroad: National Initiative in Clinical Psychology & Behavioral Health

In The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has launched a specialized Psychological Counseling and Behavioral Health Program under the 2026–2027 Government Scholarship Plan, advancing national priorities outlined in Qatar National Vision 2030.

As noted by Dr. Hareb Mohamed Aljabri, the initiative reflects a strategic shift toward demand-driven scholarships, targeting high-need sectors—particularly mental and behavioral health—where national capacity must be rapidly strengthened.

The program offers structured pathways across psychiatry, clinical psychology, and mental health counseling, with competitive financial packages, placement in top global institutions, and guaranteed employment pipelines in coordination with national entities.

Dr. Sharifa Noman Al Emadi emphasized the importance of culturally grounded expertise, underscoring the need for professionals who combine clinical skill with a deep understanding of Qatari society.

Overall, the program represents a focused investment in building a qualified national workforce capable of addressing complex psychosocial needs with precision and impact.



Strategic Engagement: Gallaudet University visits the Qatar Cultural Attache Office

The Qatar Cultural Attaché Office convened a preliminary meeting with Gallaudet University to examine avenues for advancing Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) education within Qatar's broader academic and societal framework.

Conventional education systems are inherently structured around auditory access—lecture-based delivery, spontaneous dialogue, and passive information absorption. For DHH students, access to these same systems is neither automatic nor guaranteed; it must be deliberately engineered. It was highly enlightening to learn about Gallaudet's coexisting environment on campus, with the beauty of full inclusivity. With an overwhelming number of international students from all over the world, both deaf and hearing students experience education and every day life at the same pace, and at the same time.

Our meeting also serves as a precursor to an upcoming senior-level delegation from Qatar, through which we aim to transition from exploratory dialogue to structured collaboration, including program development, knowledge exchange, and long-term institutional alignment.



AGSIW Internship Opportunity

The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington offers a structured internship experience for students seeking exposure to Gulf policy, economic analysis, and regional affairs within a Washington-based institutional setting. Last year, we nominated one Qatari student from Qatar University, who had the opportunity to learn under the mentorship of <https://agsi.org/people/hussein-ibish/>

Apply while seats are still available to secure your position. For any questions or additional support, please reach out to Mona Mohamed- Senior Executive and Strategy Officer at the Qatar Cultural Attache Office – Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington DC.

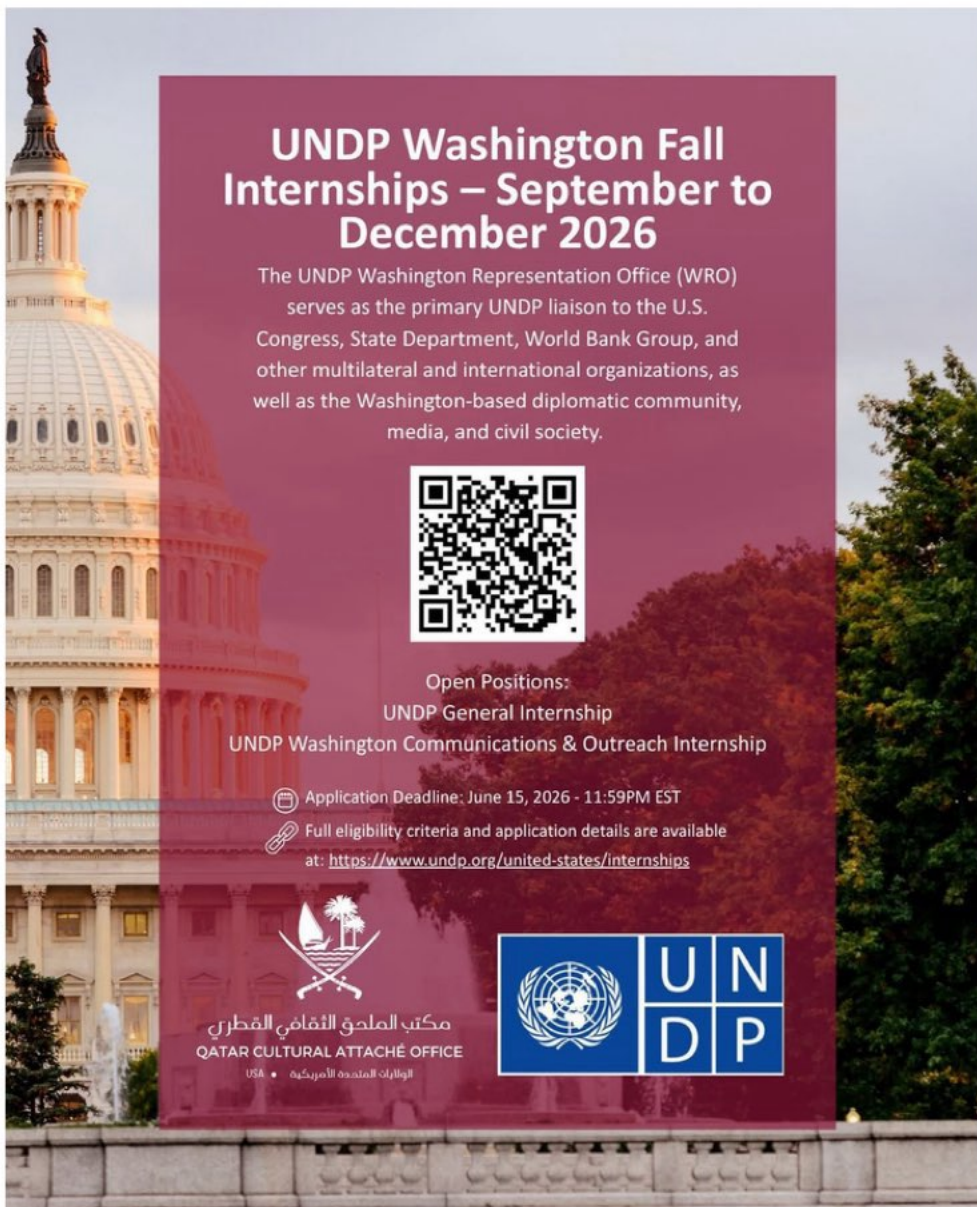
Applications:

Research Associate: <https://agsi.org/jobs/research-associate-politics-society-and-culture/>

Programs and Digital Content Intern: <https://agsi.org/jobs/internships/>



UNDP Internship Opportunity

A poster for UNDP Washington Fall Internships. The background is a photograph of the US Capitol building. A semi-transparent maroon rectangle is overlaid on the image. Inside the rectangle, the title 'UNDP Washington Fall Internships – September to December 2026' is written in white. Below the title, a paragraph describes the role of the UNDP Washington Representation Office (WRO). A QR code is centered below the text. Under the QR code, the 'Open Positions' are listed: 'UNDP General Internship' and 'UNDP Washington Communications & Outreach Internship'. Below the positions, the application deadline is given as 'June 15, 2026 - 11:59PM EST'. A link to the application details is provided: 'https://www.undp.org/united-states/internships'. At the bottom left of the rectangle, the Qatar Cultural Attaché Office logo and name are shown in Arabic and English. At the bottom right, the UNDP logo is displayed.

UNDP Washington Fall Internships – September to December 2026

The UNDP Washington Representation Office (WRO) serves as the primary UNDP liaison to the U.S. Congress, State Department, World Bank Group, and other multilateral and international organizations, as well as the Washington-based diplomatic community, media, and civil society.



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The United Nations Development Programme internship program provides a direct interface with global development operations across sectors including governance, sustainability, and economic inclusion.

Participants engage with ongoing initiatives at the programmatic level, contributing to research, reporting, and implementation processes. The experience offers insight into how multilateral institutions translate policy into action across diverse regional contexts.

It is, fundamentally, an exercise in scale—understanding how complex systems operate, and where individual contribution fits within them.



Final Call: McGill University International Medical Student Program

A promotional poster for the McGill University Summer Program 2026. The background features a blue sky with white clouds and a portion of a building with a green dome and a red flag with three red birds. The text is centered and reads: "Summer Program 2026" in black, "July 13 – July 31, 2026" in black, "REGISTRATION IS OPEN !" in large red letters, and "Spots are limited, apply now !" in black. At the bottom left is the McGill logo, and at the bottom right is the text "Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences" and "Summer Program for International Medical Students".

Summer Program 2026
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 **McGill**

Faculty of
Medicine and
Health Sciences

Summer Program
for International
Medical Students

The Qatar Cultural Attaché Office issues a final call for applications to the International Medical Student Program at McGill University.

This program provides senior medical students with direct exposure to advanced clinical environments within a globally recognized academic health system. The emphasis is not only on observation, but on immersion—understanding how different systems approach diagnosis, patient management, and interdisciplinary care. We strongly encourage all medical senior students to take on this opportunity early in their careers, as it will create long lasting memories that are low-stress, experiential, and rich in the establishment of professional and friendly connections abroad.

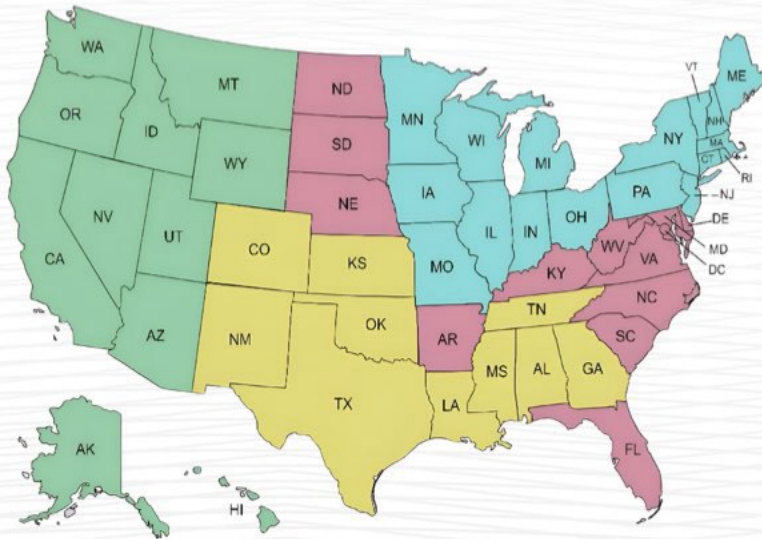




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