

Carnegie  
Mellon  
University  
Qatar

# MEDIA RESOURCES

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## OVERVIEW

### Carnegie Mellon in the heart of the Middle East

In 2004, Carnegie Mellon and Qatar Foundation began a partnership to bring our own unique style of education to Qatar. Students come to Carnegie Mellon to learn, create and innovate with the very best. They leave with the passion, connections, credentials and lifelong friends to help them change the world.

The main campus of Carnegie Mellon is located in Pittsburgh, USA. A private research university, Carnegie Mellon stands among the world's most renowned educational institutions.

### Undergraduate degree programs



### CMU-Q quick facts

- CMU-Q opened its doors in 2004
- Identical graduation requirements as our main campus
- **450+** students
- **39%** of students are Qatari citizens
- **60+** faculty members
- **7:1** student-to-professor ratio
- **17** graduating classes
- **1300+** alumni

### Carnegie Mellon global community

#### CMU quick facts

- **14,500+** students
- **120,000+** alumni globally
- **20** Nobel Laureates
- **13** Turing Award winners

#### CMU Rankings

- **#1** Management Information Systems  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#2** Computer Science  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#6** Undergraduate Business  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#2** Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#24** University in the World  
*Times Higher Education*



## ABOUT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY IN QATAR

Carnegie Mellon University set its own course with programs that inspire creativity and collaboration. A private, top-ranked and global university, Carnegie Mellon looks beyond the traditional borders of the university campus to have a transformative impact locally, nationally, and globally. In 2004, CMU began a partnership with Qatar Foundation to bring this unique educational experience to the Middle East.

For 20 years, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar has provided a world-class education in the heart of Education City. More than 1300 graduates have completed their education at CMU-Q, and more than 450 students are currently pursuing studies in biological sciences, business administration, computer science and information systems.

## Leadership

CMU-Q is led by the dean, who reports to the provost and the president of Carnegie Mellon University.

### Michael Trick

Dean  
Harry B. and James H. Higgins Professor of  
Operations Research

### Khaled Harras

Senior Associate Dean, Faculty  
Teaching Professor, Computer Science

### Dudley Reynolds

Senior Associate Dean, Education  
Teaching Professor, English

### Jennifer Bruder

Associate Dean, Research  
Associate Teaching Professor, Psychology

### Kira Dreher

Associate Dean, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and  
Belonging (DEIB)  
Assistant Teaching Professor, English

### Fadhel Annan

Associate Dean,  
Government and Corporate Affairs

### Dalia Atef Rehal

Associate Dean, Student Affairs

## CMU-Q student body composition



## 61 NATIONS REPRESENTED

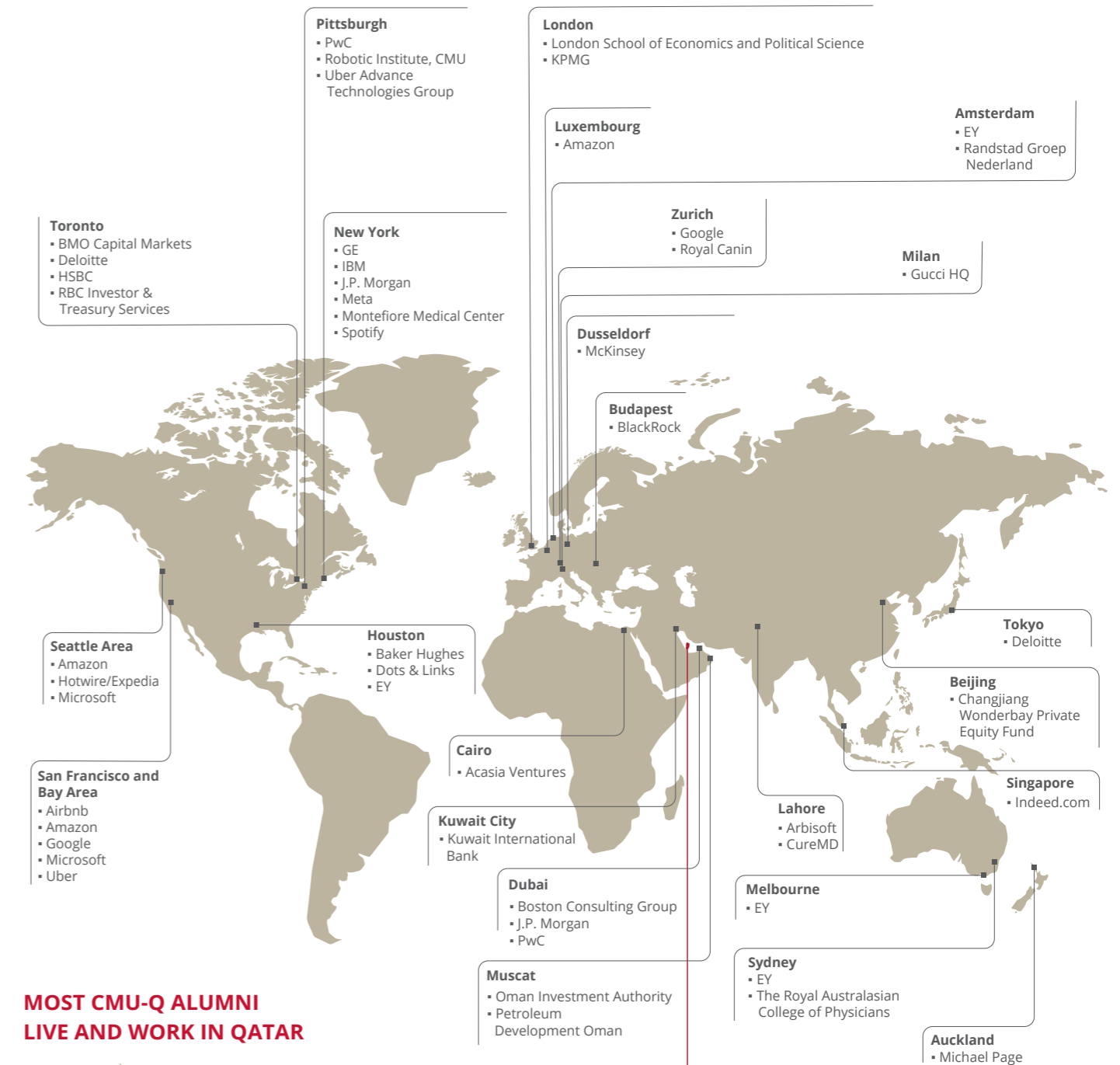
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| Brazil     | Kyrgyzstan  | South Africa             |
| Belarus    | Lebanon     | South Korea              |
| Bhutan     | Libya       | Sri Lanka                |
| Canada     | Malaysia    | St. Christopher Nevis    |
| China      | Mexico      | Syria                    |
| Dominica   | Mongolia    | Tajikistan               |
| Egypt      | Morocco     | Thailand                 |
| Ethiopia   | Myanmar     | Tunisia                  |
| France     | Nepal       | Turkey                   |
| Georgia    | Nigeria     | Turkmenistan             |
| Ghana      | Oman        | United Kingdom           |
| India      | Pakistan    | United States of America |
| Indonesia  | Palestine   | Uzbekistan               |
| Iran       | Philippines | Vietnam                  |
| Iraq       | Poland      |                          |
| Ireland    | Qatar       |                          |

## CMU-Q alumni

The CMU-Q alumni network extends throughout Qatar and beyond. Our alumni work at top organizations and creative new startups. They are influencing government policy, analyzing big data, spearheading creative projects, educating people, researching new ideas and working to improve the lives of others.



## Our graduates are working around the world



### MOST CMU-Q ALUMNI LIVE AND WORK IN QATAR



**61**  
NATIONALITIES

**6**  
CONTINENTS

**17**  
GRADUATING CLASSES

**1,341**  
TOTAL ALUMNI



## OUR FACULTY

CMU-Q faculty members are experts in their fields and dedicated to undergraduate education. Faculty members provide individualized attention and focused instruction so that all students can reach their full potential.

Research is at the core of Carnegie Mellon and touches nearly every corner of the university. In this tradition, CMU-Q nurtures and develops opportunities for faculty members to build regionally relevant research programs in their areas of expertise.

## Areas of expertise

With roughly 60 faculty members, CMU-Q has expertise in a wide variety of fields, including our major programs of biological sciences, business administration, computer science, and information systems. As well, faculty members in the arts and sciences are experts in a diverse set of disciplines, including history, physics, psychology and statistics.

## Select experts

CMU-Q has faculty experts in a wide variety of fields. To learn more, please visit: [www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources/areas-of-expertise](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources/areas-of-expertise)



### Iman Adeinat

Associate Teaching Professor,  
Operations Management

**Areas of expertise:** Logistics and supply chain in the Gulf region

**Languages:** English, Arabic



### Jennifer Bruder

Associate Dean, Research  
Associate Teaching Professor, Psychology

**Areas of expertise:** Cognitive psychology, environmental psychology, neurodevelopmental disorders (dyslexia, autism, ADHD, dyscalculia)

**Languages:** English, German



### Nesrine Affara

Associate Teaching Professor, Biological Sciences

**Areas of expertise:** Cancer research, tumor microenvironment, pedagogy, interdisciplinary studies, education

**Languages:** English, Arabic, Spanish, French



### Gianni Di Caro

Teaching Professor, Computer Science

**Areas of expertise:** Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, autonomous robotics, multi-robot systems, human-robot interaction, swarm intelligence and swarm robotics, bio-inspired computing, optimization

**Languages:** English, Italian, French



### Chadi Aoun

Area Head, Teaching Professor, Information Systems

**Areas of expertise:** Sustainability management, smart cities, green information systems, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

**Languages:** English, Arabic



### Fuad Farooqi

Area Head, Business Administration

Teaching Professor, Finance

**Areas of expertise:** Islamic banking, global finance

**Languages:** English, Urdu

## Select experts (continued)



**Maher Hakim**

Distinguished Career Professor,  
Business Administration

**Areas of expertise:** Entrepreneurship

**Languages:** English



**Agustín Indaco**

Assistant Teaching Professor, Economics

**Areas of expertise:** Big data, applied microeconomics,  
climate change, sports analytics

**Languages:** English, Spanish



**Lama Nassif**

Associate Teaching Professor, Arabic Studies

**Areas of expertise:** Second language (L2) development,  
sociolinguistic development in L2 Arabic acquisition and the  
interface between L2 research and pedagogy

**Languages:** English, Arabic



**Veli Safak**

Assistant Teaching Professor, Economics

**Areas of expertise:** Macroeconomics, digital assets, investing

**Languages:** English, Turkish



**Khaled Harras**

Senior Associate Dean, Faculty

Teaching Professor, Computer Science

**Areas of expertise:** Artificial intelligence, AI in higher education,  
The Internet of Things, computer networking, distributed systems,  
mobile and pervasive computing

**Languages:** English, Arabic



**Nimer Murshid**

Assistant Teaching Professor, Chemistry

**Areas of expertise:** Nano material and their applications,  
environmental biomedicine, education

**Languages:** English, Arabic



**Taeyong Park**

Assistant Teaching Professor, Statistics

**Areas of expertise:** Applied statistics for social science data,  
computational data analysis, American political behavior,  
Korean politics

**Languages:** English, Korean, Programming language R



**Nui Vatanasakdakul**

Associate Teaching Professor, Information Systems

**Areas of expertise:** Information systems adoption, social  
commerce, innovation and tech entrepreneurship, culture in  
information systems research, global information systems,  
sustainability and green IS

**Languages:** English, Thai



**Mohammad Hammoud**

Associate Teaching Professor, Computer Science

**Areas of expertise:** Artificial intelligence, health care,  
entrepreneurship

**Languages:** English, Arabic



**Deepa Nair**

Assistant Teaching Professor, History

**Areas of expertise:** History, politics and culture of South Asia

**Languages:** English, Hindi, Malayalam



**Dudley Reynolds**

Senior Associate Dean, Education

Teaching Professor, English

**Areas of expertise:** Educational and non-profit association  
leadership, English as an additional language, teacher education,  
language education policy, multilingualism

**Languages:** English, Spanish



**Ihab Younis**

Biological Sciences

Teaching Professor, Biological Sciences

**Areas of expertise:** Molecular biology, genetics and  
personalized medicine

**Languages:** English, Arabic

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### How many undergraduate degrees are offered at CMU-Q?

There are four undergraduate degrees offered at CMU-Q. All degree programs require four years of full-time study. Students who successfully complete their degree requirements receive bachelor of science degrees conferred from the campus in Pittsburgh, USA.

#### Biological Sciences

Biological Sciences students at CMU-Q do more than study science: they learn to follow their curiosity, explore hypotheses, and contribute in a meaningful way as young scientists and researchers.

#### Business Administration

Business Administration students at CMU-Q learn quantitative decision making, our pioneering approach to undergraduate business education. With an emphasis on analytics and leadership development, students are prepared for the challenges of the global business landscape.

#### Computer Science

Computer Science students at CMU-Q are studying the world-class curriculum of Carnegie Mellon's School of Computer Science, learning both the theoretical foundations and the practical experience to push the frontiers of the field and make a real-world impact.

#### Information Systems

Information Systems students learn to design, deliver and use information and communication technologies to solve problems for companies, governments, and society.

### Why have a campus in Qatar?

At the invitation of Qatar Foundation, Carnegie Mellon University established a campus in Qatar in 2004 because we believe that education is a powerful bridge between cultures. Since the beginning, Carnegie Mellon's presence in Qatar has played a key role in advancing the educational sector and it has been integral as Qatar transforms itself into a knowledge-based economy. Qatar is a growing nation and transforming at great speed. CMU-Q students play an active role in shaping Qatar through research, outreach activities and assuming leadership roles when they graduate.



### How does the Qatar campus fit into Carnegie Mellon University's global vision?

As a global leader in education, Carnegie Mellon University is known for its creativity, research, collaboration across disciplines, and top programs in business, technology and the arts. The university has been home to some of the world's most important thinkers, among them 20 Nobel Laureates and 13 Turing Award winners. CMU-Q, as with all Carnegie Mellon campuses globally, is dedicated to preparing the next generation of thinkers, entrepreneurs, business leaders, researchers and scientists that will change the world.



### Do students in Qatar get the same education and academic programs offered on the Pittsburgh campus?

The admission standards and curricula at CMU-Q are the same as those in the US. We have focused areas of study in Qatar, offering degree programs in biological sciences, business administration, computer science and information systems. Graduates earn degrees that are identical to those awarded at our main campus in Pittsburgh.

At the Qatar campus, we have small class sizes that provide unparalleled access to faculty members, as well as state-of-the-art facilities. We strongly encourage students on this campus to spend a semester studying in Pittsburgh, and we always welcome Pittsburgh students to study here. The two campuses are different in many ways and it enriches the educational experience to learn in a new environment.

## What does Qatari enrollment look like?

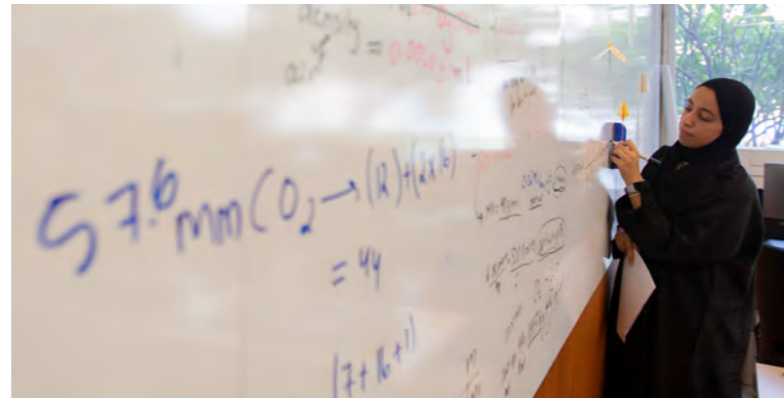
Our partnership with QF encourages us to maximize our Qatari enrollment while maintaining a challenging and diverse classroom environment. In the 2024-25 academic year, 39% of CMU-Q students are Qatari citizens.



## What is the ranking and accreditation of CMU?

Carnegie Mellon University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. We have included some relevant rankings within the Media Resources package, but these are just a few of the overall CMU rankings.

Please see [www.cmu.edu/about/rankings](http://www.cmu.edu/about/rankings) for a full list.



## When are applications due and what does the admission process look like?

The deadline for admission to each fall semester is January 15. Carnegie Mellon evaluates applications holistically, which means we do not determine if a student is admitted based on a single grade or test score. Instead, we undergo a complete review of all secondary school grades, optional standardized test results, recommendation letters, the personal essay and an optional personal interview before we make a final admission decision.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT CMU-Q**

## Website

CMU-Q: [www.qatar.cmu.edu](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu)

CMU: [www.cmu.edu](http://www.cmu.edu)

## Media Resources

We welcome members of the media to contact our team. We would be pleased to assist you with obtaining materials, contacting an expert, or learning more about CMU-Q. See specific resources for the media at: [www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources)

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