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Creating the next generation of scientists at WCMC-Q

Doha – February 12, 2014: SIX Qatari interns are to learn more about biomedical research after enrolling in one of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar's (WCMC-Q) flagship training programs.

The Biomedical Research Training Program for Nationals is now in its fourth year and offers candidates the opportunity to immerse themselves in biomedical research, learning everything from administration to bench research in world-class laboratories. The aim is to build human capacity in scientific research in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.

This year six interns have been accepted onto the program, the highest number so far. They are Amera Al Saadoun, Ghada Saeed Mubarak, Sara Nasser Al-Thani, Ayeda Ahmed, Noor Saad Al-Hajri, and Alya Saleh Al-Sulaiti.

Dr. Khaled Machaca, Associate Dean for Research at WCMC-Q, said the program has been highly successful and demonstrates the college's commitment to the development of the knowledge-based economy.

Dr. Machaca added: "Trainees that enroll in this demanding program will contribute to science leadership and advancement in Qatar in the future. WCMC-Q regards this training program as a pillar of its mission in Qatar to ensure the human and technical infrastructure for the advancement of biomedical research in Qatar."

Amera Al Saadoun, who has a degree in biomedical science from Qatar University, applied to the program for exactly that reason.

She said: "I joined this program because I think it's my first step to be a real scientist, a Qatari scientist. I believe at the end of this six-month program I will have the basic skills for doing research, I hope to improve myself and enhance my knowledge in research and science in general."

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“In the future I want to be a researcher specializing in genetics and making new discoveries about genes.”

Fellow intern Ghada Saeed Mubarak has the same background – a degree in biomedical science from Qatar University.

She said: “The internship at WCMC-Q is a great opportunity to experience and learn more about bench research and to be trained under experienced scientists. Her ambition is to eventually earn her master’s in hospital administration.”

For Noor Al-Hajri, WCMC-Q may one day become her alma mater, as she is considering training to be a physician. Initially, though, the graduate of Qatar University wants to gain practical and theoretical experience of research and laboratory work. She will then decide whether to continue in the field of biomedical science or work towards her M.D. degree.

The research training program is a unique opportunity for Qatari college graduates with an interest in biomedical research to gain hands on experience.

Although the program is aimed at recent graduates who are interested in pursuing a career as a bench scientist, clinician or biomedical researcher, graduates are also accepted who have non-science degrees that can be used in the field of research administration.

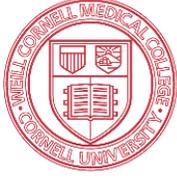
Applications for next year’s program will be accepted in Fall 2014, with specific dates to be announced on the following webpage by September: <http://qatar-weill.cornell.edu/research/programs/program3.html>

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About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers pre-medical and medical courses leading to the Cornell University M.D. degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments.

Through its biomedical research program, WCMC-Q is building a sustainable research community in Qatar while advancing basic science and clinical research. Through its medical college, WCMC-Q seeks to provide the finest education possible for medical students, to improve health care both now and for future generations, and to provide high quality health care to the Qatari population.

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