

PRESS RELEASE

HBKU Now Accepting Applications for its Executive Master in Energy and Resources

Doha, 14 June 2015 – Hamad bin Khalifa University, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, has opened applications for the third intake of its Executive Master in Energy and Resources (E&R) program. Conducted in partnership with Georgetown University, Texas A&M University, and HEC Paris, courses offer an innovative educational approach to the field of energy and resources by integrating the disciplines of geopolitics, public policy, technology, finance, management, and strategy into study. Designed for high-potential managers and executives, the 16-month program targets individuals working in areas where the production, consumption or environmental impact of energy and natural resources are likely to affect profits or policy.

The first batch of students, who started their classes in February 2014, just completed their courses in May. The 28 participants, of whom more than 80 percent were Qatari, represented eleven business sectors.

Misnad Abdullatif Al Misnad, a participant of the 2015 class, commented: “I really enjoyed the program for a number of reasons. The information taught is the latest in the field; ensuring students are kept informed of new developments in the energy and resources sector. Students were also from a variety of backgrounds and businesses, enriching classroom conversation and making group work and presentations especially interesting.”

To support the university’s aim to build a globally reputed university serving local and regional needs, courses seek to teach program participants how to conduct strategic analysis, reach effective decisions, and manage their operations with a global understanding of E&R issues. Dr. Antoine Hyafil, the Academic Director of the program, noted: “I attended every single module and was immensely proud and moved to see the first cohort of participants complete their last course this past May. The number of applications grows each year and the admission process is getting more and more selective, which I take as a testimony to the relevance of having such an executive program, focusing on Energy and Resources, offered locally, and customized to fit the needs of the State of Qatar.”

The 350-hour part-time program is conducted in English and structured around an introductory module, followed by four intensive 10- to 11-day modules. Each module consists of courses that incorporate academic presentations, simulations, and case studies, with participants required to conduct independent study and submit assignments online between sessions. Topics covered include geopolitics, fossil fuels, power technologies and petrochemicals, as well as commodity and climate financial markets.

Applicants are expected to have a bachelor’s degree, a proven record of professional achievements, and demonstrate potential to assume greater managerial responsibilities. Graduates will receive an

Executive Master degree from HBKU, and will be eligible to receive certificates of completion from HBKU's partner universities: Georgetown University, HEC Paris, and Texas A&M University.

Further information about the Executive Master in Energy and Resources can be found at <http://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/ExecutiveMasterE&R> or e-mail hbku.e&r@qf.org.qa.

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About Hamad bin Khalifa University

Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is an emerging research university building upon unique collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU seeks to provide unparalleled opportunities for scholarship, teaching, discovery, and learning for all of its students through an array of interdisciplinary programs.

HBKU's partners are Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and UCL Qatar.