

## **WCM-Q welcomes next generation of Qatari scientists**

**Doha – February 17, 2016:** Four talented young Qatari graduates have joined the Biomedical Research Training Program for Nationals at Weill Cornell Medicine–Qatar (WCM-Q) where they will learn the skills required to pursue a successful career in research.

The six-month training program runs from January to June each year and provides comprehensive instruction and work experience to recent Qatari graduates in WCM-Q’s state-of-the-art laboratories. Working with WCM-Q’s world-class research scientists, the interns learn a wide variety of competencies including practical lab skills, how to undertake clinical research and research administration.

This year’s interns are Khaloud AlTurki, a sociology major from Qatar University; Naira AlThani, a biology graduate from Qatar University; Moza AlKuwari, a biomedical science graduate from Qatar University and healthcare management graduate from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; and Njoud AlNaama, a biology graduate from Cornell University.

Not only does the Biomedical Research Training Program for Nationals offer a solid grounding in the basic skills required to work in the research field, it also gives the interns the opportunity to contribute to real research projects being conducted at WCM-Q.

Dr. Khaled Machaca, Associate Dean for Research at WCM-Q, said: “We are very happy to welcome this new intake of interns to the Biomedical Research Training Program for Nationals. During their six-month stay with us, these young graduates will develop the skills, confidence and experience to help them pursue very exciting opportunities in the world of research.

“This will be extremely rewarding for them personally, and will also help to create the new generation of scientific innovators Qatar needs to build its knowledge economy and realize the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030.”

This is the sixth annual cycle of the Biomedical Research Training Program for Nationals, which was launched in 2011 and to date has helped 24 Qatari graduates take the first step on the path to a successful career in research.

WCM-Q also runs internship programs for high school and college students with an interest in research: applications are now being accepted online for the Research Internships for National High School Students and the Research Internships for National College Students. To learn more about the different research training programs at WCM-Q or to apply, visit <http://qatar-weill.cornell.edu/research/researchprograms.html>

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### **About Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar**

Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers a comprehensive six-year medical program 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, WCM-Q is building a sustainable research community in Qatar while advancing basic science and clinical research. Through its medical college, WCM-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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