



THE STARS OF SCIENCE 'BATTLE OF FOUR' BEGINS

Finalists in Qatar Foundation's innovation TV show decided as voting gets under way

The final six innovators on Season 10 of *Stars of Science*, Qatar's Foundation's edutainment TV show, took their place in the hot-seat once again during its two customer validation episodes.

Conducting market research on new products from potential users, buyers, and experts is a crucial piece of the innovation puzzle and has been the focus of the show's most recent two episodes. Four finalists have now landed a spot in the Grand Final, where they will stop at nothing to take home the *Stars of Science* trophy – and voting has now started.

The first customer validation episode featured the all-male team of Abdallah Al Sairafi, Walid Al Banna, and Salim Al Kaabi. Abdallah's innovation, the customizable 'Sports Performance Patch System', impressed athletes and practitioners, but fell short of winning the experts' votes.

With the finishing line in sight, neurosurgeon Walid and artist Salim celebrated their customer validation victory. Walid's innovation, the 'Neurovascular Retina Analyzer' is a time-efficient, non-intrusive optical device, with its portable scanner analyzing a patients' brain through the eyes, providing medical practitioners with vital data and information that could protect people from the risk of recurring strokes.

Meanwhile, Salim's innovation, 'Safe Frankincense Varnish for Artists', is proving to be an exciting and creative addition to this season. The environmentally-friendly natural paint is made from Omani Frankincense and has demonstrated its capacity to be an organic, cost-effective solution.

The three female innovators vigorously defended their innovations during the second customer validation episode. Sadly, the show had to bid farewell to Rooda Al Qebaisi and her innovation, 'Dynamic VIP Seating Manager', while Noor Majbour and Sylia Khecheni advanced to the Grand Final.

Noor's innovation, the 'Parkinson's Early Detection Kit', uses novel antibodies taken from blood samples to detect early stages of the disease. The innovation can help patients seek medical advice as early as possible and benefit from early detection. Sylia's project, the 'Home Privacy Drone Blocker', effectively and precisely detects intruding drones and blocks them from transmitting within just three seconds. The device is intended for families to use and aims to safeguard people's privacy.



The public's say will make all the difference in the upcoming Grand Final as voters, along with the jury, decide the winner of *Stars of Science* Season 10 in the next and final episode - and change the future of the region's top innovators. Online voting is now open on www.starsofscience.com and ends on Thursday, November 22, at 9am GMT.

For a full broadcast guide to *Stars of Science* Season 10, visit www.starsofscience.com

And if you believe you have what it takes to be successful on *Stars of Science* Season 11, the show is accepting applications for its next season until the end of December 2018. Visit www.starsofscience.info/applynow/sos.html to register.

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About *Stars of Science*

Stars of Science, the edutainment TV initiative by Qatar Foundation, is the Arab world's leading innovation show. Established in 2008 to inspire a generation, the show empowers Arab youth to implement creative solutions to regional problems through science, technology, and innovation.

Celebrating a decade of Arab innovation, *Stars of Science* has proven to be a positive catalyst of scientific and technological change in the region beyond its broadcasts and social media presence of 2.5 million followers. Its alumni network spanning 131 people from 18 Arab countries has been going from strength to strength; independently raising over 14 million USD in revenues, grants, and crowdfunding. In addition to winning hundreds of innovation awards, they have also created jobs and businesses, given inspirational talks, built schools, and inspired a generation.

Over a 10-week process, an expert panel of jurors assesses and eliminates between nine innovators and their projects in Prototyping and Customer Validation episodes until only four finalists remain to compete for a share of \$600,000 in seed funding. The ranking is determined by jury deliberation and online voting from the public.

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QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with



quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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