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## Sidra Announces 2016 National Development Programs

**Doha, Qatar, 23 February 2016** — Sidra and Medical and Research Center (Sidra) today announced its National Development programs for 2016. The programs include education grants, internship and job shadowing opportunities.

Sidra's Education Grant and Graduate Associate programs are set up specifically to encourage Qataris to take up careers clinical medicine and prepare them for roles at Sidra. The Education Grant program provides grants for Qatari students studying in clinical fields from approved local and international universities. The Graduate Associate program offers graduates who have successfully finished their Education Grant-supported study to join Sidra for different career opportunities.

Dr. Eiman Al-Ansari, Executive Director of Learning and Development and Director of National Development at Sidra said, "Our programs are developed to give mentorship and career guidance opportunities to nationals and motivate them to take up key roles in the healthcare sector. We are looking for ambitious, dynamic youth who share our commitment to transforming healthcare in Qatar and the region. Our goal is to target those currently studying for clinical degrees but also to encourage students and guide them to different career paths in the health care sector."

Following the success of the job shadowing program with the Bedaya Center last year, Sidra has continued its partnership by launching two job shadowing programs this year. The program aims to provide an opportunity for high school students to work and shadow a Sidra employee for a day. More than 16 students were mentored by department leads at Sidra including Communications, Recruitment and the Simulation Center in the first round in January. The next round of the job shadowing program will take place in August 2016.

Sidra's National Development programs focus on developing and empowering local talent to support Qatar's National Vision 2030. In its effort to promote this objective across the country, Sidra has participated in a number of events in early 2016 including the Qatar Career Fair (Winter Camp) in January; the QF Career Fair at Hamad Bin Khalifa University; and Weill-Cornell Medical's Medicine Unlimited event in February.

"Our Education Outreach team has participated in some of the leading career fairs across universities and high schools in Qatar. In partnership with Sidra's simulation team and support from several of our clinical leads including Nursing and Pediatric Emergency, our outreach programs are packaged to give students first-hand experience in a simulation type setting. The program gives students the opportunity to learn more about careers in medicine. It is very encouraging to see the growing interest in healthcare careers amongst our youth today and the curiosity they display when using some of the simulation technology and manikins," concluded Dr. Eiman.

Sidra's outreach team will be at the 10<sup>th</sup> Career Forum at Qatar University from 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2016. For more details about Sidra's National Development Programs please visit [www.sidra.org](http://www.sidra.org) or contact [scholarship@sidra.org](mailto:scholarship@sidra.org).

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## About Sidra Medical and Research Center

Sidra Medical and Research Center, currently under construction in Doha, Qatar, will be a groundbreaking hospital, research and education institution, focusing on the health and wellbeing of children and women regionally and globally. Sidra will be a fully digital facility, incorporating the most advanced information technology applications in clinical, research and business functions. Sidra will initially have 400 beds with infrastructure to enable expansion to 550 beds in a subsequent phase.

Sidra represents the vision of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser who serves as its Chairperson. The high-tech facility will not only provide world-class patient care but will also help build Qatar's scientific expertise and resources.

Sidra is part of a dynamic research and education environment in Qatar that includes leading international institutions, such as Sidra's academic partner Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar. Through strong partnerships with leading institutions around the world, Sidra is creating an intellectual ecosystem to help advance scientific discovery through investment in medical research.

Sidra will have a unique working structure with inter-professional collaboration at the heart, providing the best holistic care for patients and an unparalleled learning environment for its medical professionals. Sidra will combine the best in design, technology, operations and practices from medical centers around the world – to offer its employees an environment that is at once familiar and extraordinary.

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