

**Contact:** D. Murry Evans  
+974 4454 8490  
[dmevans@qatar.cmu.edu](mailto:dmevans@qatar.cmu.edu)

PRESS RELEASE  
July 1, 2014

Ashvinder Kaur Matharoo  
+974 7021 8283  
[ashvinderm@bljworldwide.com](mailto:ashvinderm@bljworldwide.com)

## **Carnegie Mellon students tour iconic Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies building**

**DOHA, QATAR** – Fourteen students from Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, who completed an architecture course this spring, took a tour of the iconic Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS) building, currently under construction in Education City.

The state-of-the-art QFIS building is intended to be a landmark for Doha, due to its unique architectural design that reflects knowledge and religion. The building relates back to the concept of “Kulliyya,” which means totality in Arabic, and represents where faith and education intertwine. This inter-connectedness is reflected in the QFIS structure, which consists of informal indoor and outdoor learning areas, and features a library and a mosque.

Kelly Hutzell, associate teaching professor of architecture at Carnegie Mellon, organized the visit alongside Ameena Ahmadi, technical director of Qatar Foundation’s capital projects and facilities management, and Louis Saleh, senior project manager at Astad.

Carnegie Mellon Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science and information systems. However, the university encourages students to take courses outside of their major program of study and in a wide range of academic disciplines. These courses complement what students are learning in their majors and provide them with the opportunity to pursue special areas of interests, such as architecture. The School of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh is ranked in the top 10 professional architecture degree programs in the United States. Taught by renowned faculty from the program, students on the Qatar campus have the option of completing a minor in the field.

To learn more about the programs offered at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar please visit:

<https://www.qatar.cmu.edu/academics>

###

## **About Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar**

As a global leader in education, Carnegie Mellon University is known for its creativity, collaboration across disciplines, and top programs in business, technology and the arts. The university has been home to some of the world’s most important thinkers, among them 19 Nobel Laureates and 11 Turing Award winners.

In 2004, Qatar Foundation invited Carnegie Mellon to join Education City, a groundbreaking center for scholarship and research. As Carnegie Mellon Qatar celebrates its 10th anniversary, the campus continues to grow, providing a prestigious education to 400 students from 42 countries. The university offers five

# Carnegie Mellon University Qatar

undergraduate degree programs in Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Computational Biology, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Students in Qatar join more than 12,000 Carnegie Mellon students across the globe, who will become the next generation of leaders tackling tomorrow's challenges. The university's 95,000 alumni are recruited by some of the world's most innovative organizations.

To learn more, visit [www.qatar.cmu.edu](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu) and follow us on twitter @CarnegieMellonQ