



HER EXCELLENCY SHEIKHA HIND AWARDS UCL QATAR STUDENTS

Doha, Qatar, March 19, 2017 - Doha, Qatar, March 19, 2017 - Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of the Qatar Foundation, today awarded scholarships to three students who attend UCL Qatar in acknowledgement of their academic achievements to date.

The UCL Qatar Academic Excellence Scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement prior to commencing their studies at the QF partner university.

Students are selected by the university's Scholarship Panel, led by UCL Qatar Director Dr. Sam Evans, from those accepted onto UCL Qatar Master's programs. The awards aim to encourage the brightest academic minds, who demonstrate a strong potential for research and academic excellence, to achieve the highest standards in their chosen disciplines of study.

The students being honored this year include: Eman Al Shamari (MA Library and Information Studies), Elena Terranova (MA Museum and Gallery Practice) and Suzanne Mirgani (MA Museum and Gallery Practice).

Dr Sam Evans commented that, "UCL is one of the world's leading universities, founded in London to open up education to all on equal terms. Today our outstanding research and innovative teaching drive entrepreneurial solutions to the world's major problems. UCL Qatar's academic scholarships recognise the talent, potential, dedication and commitment among our top students who are pursuing advanced studies in cultural heritage. In a highly competitive and demanding world in which academic excellence can have global impacts, our scholarships seek to encourage the very best students in the world to consider studying at UCL Qatar, a partner of Qatar Foundation's Education City."

As well as handing out the Scholarship Awards, Her Excellency was given a guided tour of the UCL Qatar facility, within the Georgetown University building, by the Director accompanied by a number of teaching staff, before attending a buffet lunch with staff and students.

Commenting on the scholarship award, Eman Al Shamari, Student, said: "It's a huge honor to receive this scholarship and I am extremely grateful to UCL Qatar and to Qatar Foundation for this opportunity to study at such a prestigious institution. I am looking forward to getting involved in my studies and to contributing to the preservation of Qatar's cultural heritage in the future."



UCL Qatar, a partner university of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) since 2010, will hold its open evening, 'Discover UCL Qatar', on Monday, March 27, from 6:30 - 9pm, for prospective students, existing applicants and members of the community interested in learning more about Master's degrees in Library and Information Studies and Museum and Gallery Practice. The courses are designed for both international and Qatar-based students looking for careers in the cultural heritage, library and knowledge management sectors.

Photo Captions:

Image 1: Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of the Qatar Foundation (QF), and UCL Qatar Director Dr. Sam Evans, with recipients of the UCL Qatar Academic Excellence Scholarship.

Image 2: Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of the Qatar Foundation (QF), meets students during a tour of UCL Qatar's facilities in Education City.

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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. QF was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy.

At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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