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## NU-Q Students Will Intern at Major Media Firms in

### Washington, New York, and London

**Doha, Qatar – February 14, 2017** – Beginning this month, students at Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q) start their 10-week residency experiences at major media organizations in the U.S., Europe, and the region.

The residency, which is an integral part of the university's program for journalism and strategic communication students, is providing internships this year at *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, VICE news, Ogilvy & Mather, Blue Rubicon, Al Jazeera London, the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, and Amnesty International, among others.

"The residency program," Everette E. Dennis, dean and CEO, said, "is an instrumental part of our journalism and strategic communication program. It also distinguishes NU-Q as the only media school in the region with an embedded program for students to experience working at top media operations around the world. Our students' experience is heightened during their residences – developing new skills, testing recently-learned skills, working under deadline, and building confidence in their capabilities as professional communicators."

For the first time, NU-Q will place a student – Shageaa Naqvi – at *The Washington Post* where she will focus on science and health reporting. "I will learn how the newsroom works in the real world, learn to refine and pitch story ideas as well as be able to work with the best science reporters in the field. This sort of experience will help me become a better reporter and will prepare me to begin working for a news organization after I graduate," said Naqvi.

As part of the strategic communication program, Awad Mohammed will be working with the international public relations firm Ogilvy & Mather in London. "This opportunity," Mohammed said, "will improve my professional skills and help me to further comprehend digital and

impactful communication. It allows me to implement what I learned in the classroom into real-life scenarios, and grow as a professional media producer.”

Habibah Abass will be joining the team at VICE News in New York and will be working on various large-scale documentaries. “I’m excited to be implementing the skills I’ve learned in the field and actually learn what it feels like to be a journalist. I’ve reported for my classes before, but I think it will be very exciting to be working for an established media organization and have real-world experiences as a student,” Abass said.

The residency program has been recognized as an important learning component allowing students to network with professionals in the field, explore career paths, and implement theories and ideas discussed in the classroom to the real world. Media residencies have been a part of Northwestern’s Medill School for more than 40 years, a practice that NU-Q has continued with its program in Doha.

“Medill’s journalism program is rigorous by nature, producing some of the best media professionals in the world. We feel strongly about the residency component of the program, because it provides students with a practical understanding of the modern workplace that gives them a competitive edge in the job market once they graduate,” said Mary Dedinsky, director of the Journalism and Strategic Communication Program.

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***About Northwestern University in Qatar***

*Northwestern University in Qatar draws from its parent organization, [Northwestern University](#) (Evanston, Illinois), a distinguished history, famous programs and an exceptional faculty. Founded in partnership with Qatar Foundation, NU-Q provides a framework through which students explore the world and, ultimately, shape its future through its distinguished schools of [communication](#), [journalism and strategic communication](#), and [liberal arts](#).*