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### **Texas A&M University at Qatar welcomes potential master's students for its the Graduate Studies Open House**

Texas A&M University at Qatar welcomed potential master's students for the Graduate Studies Open House at the Texas A&M Engineering Building in Education City.

The event aimed to answer questions for prospective students about Texas A&M at Qatar's master's programs in chemical engineering.

In speaking to the prospective students, Dr. César O. Malavé, dean of Texas A&M at Qatar, said, "Our branch campus's core mission of teaching, research and scholarship is cultivating a new generation of engineering leaders and researchers who will have a direct impact on the State of Qatar's growth and development. You'll have a chance to be involved in responsive research that is tackling the world's toughest issues and contribute to Qatar's goal of being a knowledge-based economy. Our graduate program is critical to the development of the human capital that Qatar needs to support Qatar National Vision 2030 and the country's future. I hope you find this open house informative and that you join us soon as a master's student in chemical engineering."

Potential graduate students were invited to the event to interact with current students and recently graduated students. Faculty and administrators were present to provide information on the program and on part-time employment options for full time students through teaching and research assistantships.

Prospective graduate students learned about Texas A&M at Qatar's graduate program offerings, degree eligibility requirements and the resources offered including financial aid opportunities and flexible schedules.

Dr. Patrick Linke, executive director of graduate studies and chair of the Chemical Engineering Program at Texas A&M at Qatar, said, "Potential graduate students

learned about our programs, resources and campus life. There were presentations by our current students about their research projects in areas relevant to the Qatar National Vision 2030 for sustainable development. A lively panel discussion across academia and industry debated the need to graduate education in a knowledge-based society.”

Linke also emphasized that Texas A&M at Qatar’s flexible class schedules allow part-time studies for those students who are employed full time in industry or government.

Dr. Ahmed Abdel-Wahab, professor in the Chemical Engineering Program, said, “The quality of teaching and research offered at Texas A&M at Qatar is outstanding. Thus, our graduate program provides an unprecedented opportunity for the young generation to obtain an excellent graduate education.”

Many current graduate students spoke to the prospective students and answered questions. The newly launched Graduate Student Association also actively participated in the event and presented on academic life at Texas A&M at Qatar.

As a part of the Fourth ORYX GTL Student Awards campaign for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education, ORYX GTL held its first student seminars during the Graduate Studies Open House to enhance the dialogue between students, academic institutions and industry. Dhabia Al Mohannadi and Yousef Al-Jaber, recipients of the Third ORYX GTL student awards, took part in a panel discussion alongside industry and government leaders to discuss the benefits of pursuing post-graduate studies and the positive prospects of future employment.

Applications for the Master of Science (M.S.) and Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) programs are being accepted for the Fall 2017 semester and will remain open until 15 May 2017.

For information about Texas A&M at Qatar Graduate Studies program please visit [gradstudies.qatar.tamu.edu](http://gradstudies.qatar.tamu.edu) or call +974.4423.0135.

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Texas A&M University, recognized as having one of the premier engineering programs in the world, has offered undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering at Qatar Foundation’s Education City campus since 2003, and graduate degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded more than 750 degrees since 2007. In addition to engineering courses, Texas A&M at Qatar provides classes in science, mathematics, liberal arts and the humanities. All four of the engineering programs offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. The curricula offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are materially the same as those offered at the main campus in

College Station, Texas, and the courses in Doha are taught in English in a co-educational setting. The reputation for excellence is the same, as is the commitment to equip engineers to lead the next generation of engineering advancement. Faculty from around the world are attracted to Texas A&M at Qatar to provide this educational experience and to participate in research activities now valued at more than \$236.4 million, and that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit [www.qatar.tamu.edu](http://www.qatar.tamu.edu).