

Greetings from the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) !

Please be advised that we are delighted to work with the ACD towards providing **Qatar Scholarship Program's "Arabic for Non Native Speakers"** in partnership with Qatar University.

Background:

In reference to point 23 of the Doha Declaration adopted by the 16th Asian Cooperation Dialogue Ministerial Meeting convened in Doha from 30 April to 2 May 2019, which mentions that the State of Qatar will provide the opportunity to teach Arabic for non-Arabic native speakers within the ACD member states, and in line with the announcement made by H.E. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Sultan bin Saad al-Meraikhi.

We would like to share a brief on the Qatar Scholarship Program, whereby the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has partnered with Qatar University (QU)'s College of Arts and Sciences Arabic for Non Native Speakers which has initiated as a Language program in 1986. You can find more information about the center within the following link: www.qu.edu.qa/artssciences/departments/anns

Admission Process for Nominees from ADC Member States:

The agreement between QFFD and QU has been signed approximately around the same time that the State of Qatar's announcement has been shared in the 16th ACD Meeting in Doha <http://www.qu.edu.qa/students/international-students/arabic-program>

Hence, Qatar University is closely liaising with QFFD to admit nominated students from ACD to be part of the first batch of recipients of this scholarship at highest possible number of students. The maximum seats available to us for Fall of 2019 is a total of **50 seats**.

The Qatar University admission conditions are:

- 1- Age between 18 and 40 years
- 2- Qualifications: High School certificate from country of origin that is certified and stamped by the Embassy of the State of Qatar in the prospective student home country.
- 3- Country of Origin: We are accepting students from ACD member countries that are:
 - a) Eligible as OECD-DAC recipient countries as per the following list: https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC_List_ODA_Recipients2018to2020_flows_En.pdf
 - b) Non-Arabic speaking country. Countries where Arabic is not the main official language.

Therefore, ACD countries eligible for this scholarship include the following 23 countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

Important Dates & Requirements:

1- Sunday August 4th - Thursday August 8th:

In order for us to communicate with Qatar University our list of nominated students, grateful if you would kindly provide us with the following by this week:

- a. An initial list of nominees, which includes: names, country of origin, age, and level of academic qualification.

2- August 8th - August 18th : Submitting the following documents

- a. Copy of the student passport.
- b. Copies of High School Certification.

Please note that this is a preliminary list. We will require a certified copy of the High School certificate for student registration, stamped by the embassy of Qatar of the student's home country at a later stage. We will keep you posted.

3- Sunday August 18th: This is the date that Qatar University students require to be in Doha for orientation and to begin the 2019 Fall semester.

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