

Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education June Spotlight

A comprehensive approach to online learning

“The efforts of the universities to create quality online learning leaves them poised not only to offer innovative new programs but enhance their existing traditional programs.”

- Cindy Bonfini-Hotlosz, Co-lead, Instructional Design in E-Learning



Supporting online learners requires a 360-degree approach

According to the World Economic Forum, universities are moving their programs online at an increasing rate to increase the benefits of online education for students and institutions. The benefits include: Flexibility and accessibility to a larger group of students, more tailored experiences, and more cost-effective learning than traditional education.

The best practice for successful online academic courses and programs include the following elements:



Opportunities for practical application of skills such as virtual internships/labs



Extracurricular activities to foster online communities and build soft skills



Access to well-being and mental health support systems



Opportunities for virtual networking and professional development

The Foundation's approach to supporting online learners

The Foundation uses the best practices for online learning programs by offering:

- 1 Online Success Coaches
who provide 1-1 guidance to scholars from enrollment up until graduation; **74%** of scholars report that their coaches supported their success.
- 2 Mentorship Program
which matched over **450 scholars** with **250 mentors** based on career aspirations since 2017
- 3 Alumni Network
where almost **600** alumni get job application tips and professional resources

We help create changes that positively impact the education ecosystem in the Arab region. Some of our work:

2017

The Al Ghurair Open Learning Scholars Program

fully supports over 500 Emirati and Arab youth at Arizona State University

2020

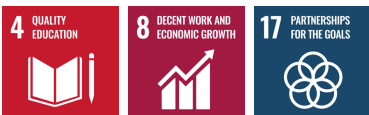
The University Consortium for Quality Online Learning (UCQOL)

a partnership with the UAE Ministry of Education and 9 leading universities in the UAE to strengthen online programs for Emirati and Arab youth

2021

The Abdulla Al Ghurair Hub for Digital Teaching and Learning

at the American University of Beirut; advancing world class online STEM education for Arab youth



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