Infinite Possibilities at NU-Q
Northwestern University in Qatar is for every person who believes that:

- Studying communication and journalism requires a rare combination of rigor and creativity.
- A university education should lead to a job, but not until you learn how to think—really think—in ways that you can’t yet imagine.
- The liberal arts are one of the best ways to learn how to think.
- Good thinkers who are hard working and skilled professionals not only get hired, they become leaders.
- Working closely with some of the best professors and professionals in the world is not only a good idea, but a necessity.
- University is a time to work harder than you’ve ever worked in your life.
- Working hard, when you love what you are doing, doesn’t feel like work at all.
- Having a voice is important, but how you use it is even more important.
- The world is imperfect, and it’s our responsibility to make it better.
- Going to one of the best universities in the world means looking to Qatar.

*This book is for every student who looks at NU-Q and sees infinite possibilities.*
Professor Mitchell: This project—"Qatari Women: Engagement and Empowerment"—is the first of its kind. We surveyed more than 1,000 women, asking about their involvement with majaalis al-hareem—women’s social groups. Women are better educated than ever before, but underrepresented in public life. Qatar’s knowledge-based economy needs women. Our research showed that women want to contribute, but professional goals often come at the expense of personal goals, and vice versa.

Sama: As a longtime resident of Qatar, it felt important to have the work come from individuals, like Noor and me, who are heavily embedded in the culture, to portray the majlis accurately to an international audience. NU-Q students translated survey questions into Arabic dialects, helped contextualize the data, and documented the work in audiovisual presentations.

Noor: I used the survey to develop my own research paper, "Where are the Qatari Women in Politics?" It’s about the drivers of—and obstacles to—women rising in the workplace. I developed a poster from the paper, and it won second place at the Qatar Foundation Annual Research Conference.

Professor Mitchell: A project like this requires reaching across subject areas—and NU-Q encourages interdisciplinary work. I’m neither a gender expert nor a filmmaker, so I worked with colleagues and students to understand and tell the stories we were hearing in a visually compelling way.

Jocelyn Sage Mitchell
Assistant Professor in Residence, Liberal Arts (Political Science)
Research Focus: Interaction Between Citizens and Their Governments

Sama Abduljawad
Journalism, Class of 2017

Noor al Tamimi
Journalism, Class of 2016

Dream Big
A student-faculty research team conducts a major study about women, society, and power in Doha’s majaalis al-hareem.
On the Move
A conversation with Dean Everette E. Dennis

You’ve worked in a number of top universities during your career, and from the beginning you’ve said you are uniquely excited about NU-Q. Why? Because there is no school like it anywhere in the world. Its great aspirations for engagement and excellence in the media space—we’ve been able to invent ourselves at the dawn of the 21st century in a way no other enterprise has. There’s an air of optimism here and across all of Education City. Morale is quite high. The NU-Q program is unique because it’s rooted in the liberal arts, in a country on the move, one that has made a profound investment in education. But really, I’m especially impressed with our students. They are highly capable and very motivated, and we make sure they get a great education.

Talk about your students a bit. The students and the university have grown up together—and their work just gets more exciting, their research more ambitious, the graduate programs they attend more prestigious. They take on topics both local and global, identifying problems and playing a hands-on role in solving them. At international conferences, they present papers so sophisticated they’re often mistaken for grad students. They are diverse in background, creed, and credo. They have a strong social consciousness and pride in community.

What impact will the new campus building have on NU-Q? It’s an extraordinary stage for all that we want to accomplish. There’s of course the physical space: the dramatic, uplifting architecture; amenities like the cinema, black box theater, technology labs. But the new building also serves as a platform for creativity. It makes a bold statement to the region and the world that education is transformative.

Other than the obvious differences in size and geography, what’s the real relationship between Northwestern in Evanston and NU-Q? We benefit from the strengths of an internationally renowned university while capitalizing on the local connections NU-Q has to media organizations, government ministries, and communities here in Doha. We always check our offerings against those in Evanston, and the caliber of our faculty is indisputable. When our students study in Evanston, they are in the top tier. But arguably the true test of our program is the acceptance of our students to graduate schools. Thirty-four percent of students go to the finest graduate programs in the world. When Oxford, Harvard, Cambridge, and Columbia welcome our students, that speaks volumes.

The world is changing in dramatic ways. Talk more about the long-term value of an NU-Q degree. Media is the central nervous system of any society, and it plays a huge role in public affairs—increasingly so in the Middle East. Our programs have a rich, textured liberal arts foundation, and they translate to prestigious careers in numerous fields, from business to law to public service. An NU-Q degree opens doors. And in the bigger picture, we’re creating a pool of talent across fields that benefits the country. As much as NU-Q and our students are growing together, so are NU-Q and Qatar. And it’s exciting.
What were your first impressions of the Evanston campus?

James: My first impression was one of overwhelming beauty.
Younna: My first impression was that the campus was huge! Also, the history of the school is apparent everywhere you go. There are buildings as old as when the school was founded—but there are new, high-tech spaces too.
Vibhav: My first impressions changed over time. Evanston is just north of Chicago. Chicago is famous, but I didn’t know anything about its neighborhoods, its politics, its culture. With each day I discovered more.

What were your most memorable experiences overseas?

Jemina: I took courses that aren’t offered at NU-Q, joined student groups—a dance crew, a theater collective—and made a lot of new friends. Those friends had the biggest impact on me, because they exposed me to different ways of looking at the world.
Vibhav: My term in Evanston was my first “living in the U.S.” experience. I got closer to my NU-Q mates while making many new friends from classes and student clubs—

for example, I was the media chair for TEDxNorthwesternU. Northwestern and NU-Q are two very different communities that share the same purple spirit.
Younna: I did a journalism residency in Washington, D.C., which involved an internship at Washingtonian magazine and classes at the Medill News Service. So I got experience in research, writing, video production and editing—and I met reporters and writers in the field.
James: I took theater classes towards a minor, as well as a number of screenwriting classes. I also took advantage of Evanston and Chicago—walking around the lakefill, going to the Art Institute, taking in the architecture of the city. My experience here made me appreciate the value of both campuses.

What advice would you give to an NU-Q student who’s planning to study for a term at the Evanston campus?

Younna: Discover! Try new things! There are so many options here.
Vibhav: Be open to all kinds of ideas and approaches to life.
Jemina: Challenge yourself. You’re going to a new place—embrace it!

James Copplestone Farmer
Communication, Class of 2016
Youmna Al-Gailey
Journalism, Class of 2016
Vibhav Gautam
Communication, Class of 2017
Jemina Legaspi
Communication, Class of 2017
Strategic communication is the business of storytelling. Advertising campaigns, digital campaigns, they’re just the story of a business, organization, or product—which is why strategic communication fits into the journalism program so well.

Our students get hands-on practice in strategic communication from day one. They visit clients, take briefs on the problem at hand, do research, produce campaigns, and present them to the clients. Our program is anything but theoretical—I have taken students to the Cannes Festival of Advertising and Creativity to network and learn. I have students doing residencies at Forbes, Ogilvy, and Blue Rubicon.

NU-Q students aren’t just here to get degrees. They want to actively contribute to Qatar’s economy and the region’s media presence. Strategic communication is a specialty in need in the MENA region—students come to my classes excited about the doors it opens in government and business. They’re especially interested in how integrated marketing campaigns can drive social awareness and change.

Ihem Allagui,
Associate Professor in Residence, Journalism Program
Research Focus: Social Integration of New Media in the Arab Region
Giant Steps
His first film was nominated for a Student Academy Award. What’s next?

To me, the film—100 Steps—is a collaboration with the Northwestern community. I wrote the script in a screenwriting class at NU-Q, received a grant to develop it from the student-run Studio 20Q, shot the film in Qatar with a student crew, and spent a semester polishing and finalizing the film with students and faculty at Northwestern’s Evanston campus.

When you connect the two campuses, the result is life-changing. Both campuses—Evanston and Doha—are global platforms where diverse students work together to help ideas grow. Together, we have the power to be global leaders.

The first thing I learned from NU-Q is that anything is possible. Right now I’m honing my skills at the Qatar Foundation. Then comes graduate school. My dream is to start a production company in Lahore, Pakistan. I want to open doors for new filmmakers, new voices, new stories. I see groundbreaking work ahead.

Shahnawaz Imran Zali
Communication, Class of 2016
Employment: Creative media specialist, Qatar Foundation
Opening during the 2016-17 academic year, our new home befits the exceptional communication and journalism programs found here—and enhances student life in every imaginable way. Designed by renowned architect Antoine Predock, the new NU-Q campus building is located in Education City and outfitted with video production studios, lecture halls, a cinema, a multimedia newsroom, a research library and academic resource center, as well as a unique media museum—the first of its kind in the Middle East.
A BS in Communication from Northwestern University focuses on media industries and technology and opens doors in a multitude of fields. Our own, specially designed curriculum spans a wide spectrum of topics and media platforms, is enriched by the resources and perspectives unique to the Middle East—and fills an urgent need within the MENA region. Students gain a broad and deep understanding of media history, research, and theory, while taking advantage of Qatar’s thriving communications industry.

Core courses such as Media Construction and Communication, Technology and Society, and Global Media are augmented by innovative and regionally distinct offerings such as Alternative Media in the Middle East, TV Role Models for Arab Youth, National Cinema: Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa, and National Cinema: Iran. Experiential learning plays an outsized role here. Between hands-on courses in film production, lighting, computer animation, TV studio directing, and professional internships in television, film, digital, and non-governmental organizations, NU-Q’s Communication program prepares students to succeed as creators or executives, either in the workplace or as candidates for post-graduate degrees.

When does an idea become a story? When does a question become an investigation? How does a collection of thoughts become a speech or advocacy statement? These queries are met by the rigorous, professional curriculum of our BS in Journalism, earned from Northwestern’s top-ranked Medill School of Journalism and awarded right here in Doha.

Our students learn to write, edit, shoot, and produce stories on multiple platforms (print, broadcast, and digital), and can also choose from courses in Integrated Marketing Communications (public relations, branding, mobile marketing, and more). Thanks to the horizon-broadening liberal arts and sciences coursework—and mandated, junior-year international residency—required of our journalism students, they become the informed, ethical, well-rounded storytellers and analysts who will shape tomorrow’s media landscape here in Qatar and around the world.

NU-Q’s journalism coursework is both time-tested and future-oriented. “Expected” classes such as Magazine and Feature Writing and Broadcast Production are complemented by salient courses such as Journalism in the Digital Age and Case Studies in Public Relations and Integrated Marketing Communication.

Plus, you couldn’t ask for a better beat: one of the most rapidly and unpredictably developing countries in the Gulf Region, and its capital center of innovation, research, culture, and business. Trust us, the stories will find you.
The Liberal Arts

A Northwestern education is unshakably grounded in the liberal arts. Our students benefit from a broad cross-section of disciplines across the humanities and social sciences: history, literature, biology, economics, religious studies, and more. And along with the knowledge gleaned from rigorous coursework—much of which is specially geared to the Middle East—NU-Q students gain and hone skills that will prove invaluable to future journalists and communications professionals: analytic thinking and reasoning, creative problem-solving, speech, writing, logic, and leadership.

NU-Q graduates are sought by the world’s top companies and graduate schools because, thanks to their strong liberal arts training, our graduates can examine any topic from multiple perspectives; express themselves through clear, well-organized arguments; employ a keen sense of global awareness to solve problems; and lead from the front. They are insightful, adaptable, flexible—in other words, scrupulously prepared to survive and thrive in an industry of unparalleled change and growth.
NU-Q from A-Z
An alphabetical guide to the people, programs, and resources that make NU-Q endlessly inspiring and infinitely possible

**Academic Travel**
Our journalism and communication graduates will tell you many of their most valuable lessons weren’t learned inside the classroom but out in the field. Our journalism program takes students on international reporting trips, where they see firsthand how media organizations work in different parts of the world, from Turkey to Switzerland to Italy and beyond. Likewise, the Global Media Experience enables students to visit major media organizations in New York and Dubai, meeting established professionals and exploring potential career paths.

**Admissions**
Admission to Northwestern University in Qatar is selective and holistic; in carefully reviewing every application we consider not just test scores and transcripts but personal essays, recommendations from teachers and counselors, and any special talents, experiences, and perspectives that might further enhance NU-Q’s student body and intellectual community. For more on recommended courses, standardized testing, and AP/IB credits, see page 24 and review our website.

**Advanced Online Storytelling**
This intensive course in digital media is just one (very popular) example of NU-Q’s many leading-edge offerings. Students conduct interviews and research, and package their findings on topics ranging from the environment to Qatar’s national diabetes crisis into multimedia and data-animation reports. The course also prepares students for their junior-year public relations or journalism residencies, during which they spend 10 weeks working at a professional media organization.

**Alumni Network**
All Northwestern University alumni gain access to the resources shared by their Evanston- and Chicago-based peers. The exclusive Our Northwestern digital community allows alumni from all over the world to network, reconnect with friends, discuss salient campus issues, and more. NU-Q alums can also connect with fellow graduates closer to home—through the new annual Northwestern Alumni Gulf Summit in nearby Dubai. The Summit has hosted many alumni, students, and faculty for presentations, meetings, academic programs, and social events designed to strengthen Northwestern’s alumni community in the Middle East.

**Athletics**
If you’re an athlete, you’ll likely find an outlet for your Wildcat pride. Northwestern University in Qatar fields competitive women’s and men’s basketball and football teams. In addition to a fully equipped student center, NU-Q students can also access all of Education City’s new facilities, including a skate park, running track, and basketball, football, and volleyball courts.

**Careers**
At Northwestern University in Qatar we’re not just teaching and training communication and journalism professionals, but also leaders in a wide variety of fields: broadcasting, editing, and social media management, as well as science and engineering, business and finance, health care, and government service. Our graduates work at high-profile companies, including Al Jazeera Networks, the Associated Press, Al Rayyan Television, Doha Film Institute, Qatar Airways, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ras Gas, and Sidra Medical and Research Center, to name just a few.
Certificate and Minor in Middle East Studies
Our Certificate in Middle East Studies, designed and supervised by NU-Q faculty, attracts students from all of Education City’s institutions. This interdisciplinary program—eligible courses are offered not just at NU-Q but also at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University in Qatar, and Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar—seeks to develop journalists and other communications professionals with deep knowledge of and sensitivity to the region’s history and culture, its political landscape, and economic challenges.

Certificate in Strategic Communication
Our Certificate in Strategic Communication emphasizes applied communication and broadens the scope of the major to include marketing, public relations, advertising, corporate communication, and digital communication. Students learn practical skills for creative, meaningful careers at for-profit and non-profit organizations as well as government agencies.

Culture Club
By focusing on what unites us in the human experience—through filmmaking, dance, and other art—this popular student organization seeks to bring the Northwestern, Education City, and Qatari communities together.

Diversity
While half of our students hail from Qatar, the nationalities represented at NU-Q are numerous and diverse. Recent classes have included students whose families come from more than 30 different nationalities—not just in the region but also from Europe, Asia, North America, Africa, and Australia.

Cross-registration
Want to take a class about the U.S. and the Middle East? Islam and Arab Culture in the Golden Age? Environmental history in the Arabian Peninsula? NU-Q students can cross-register for courses on a pass/no-credit basis at Education City’s other five partner universities, while taking advantage of the wide range of academic and student life opportunities those institutions offer.

Doha
Qatar’s capital is an exhilarating, ever-evolving, truly international city. From its breathtaking coastline to its I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art, from the Souq Waqif to the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex, this cosmopolitan center for education, culture, and finance offers something for every interest. And given Doha serves a hub for many of the region’s major media operations, from Al Jazeera to the Doha Film Institute, countless NU-Qatar graduates choose to remain to help shape the city’s bright future.

Education City
Infused with a sense of limitless possibility, equipped with every imaginable amenity, and filled with ambitious scholars from around the world, Education City embodies the Qatar Foundation’s vision of an “academic oasis” connecting this forward-leaning country with the world’s premier educational institutions. A truly synergetic environment where students from six different outstanding university programs can collaborate, share resources, forge lifelong relationships, and study a dizzying variety of subjects, Education City is called the region’s “knowledge hub,” and, indeed, a key player in Qatar’s and the GCC’s future. In addition to unparalleled academic resources, students have access to more than 30 cultural, scientific, and artistic organizations, making Education City one of the world’s most innovative and potentially impactful educational collaborations.

Evanston Exchange
This exchange program—part of NU-Q’s commitment to global engagement—allows our students to spend the spring of their junior year on our Evanston campus. Students take classes for full credit, gain a deeper understanding of their Illinois-based peers’ culture, and explore a variety of chosen disciplines with and alongside American faculty and students. Of course, having Chicago’s many cultural, historic and media organizations within a short bus or train ride only adds to the program’s transformative potential. Likewise, each year Northwestern Evanston students choose to spend a semester at NU-Q and experience all that Doha offers communications and journalism majors.

Faculty
Our distinguished faculty hail from both academia and industry and from nearly every corner of the globe, taking advantage of NU-Q’s small class sizes to guide and mentor each student in a highly individualized fashion. They lead important research projects on topics ranging from advertising and marketing in the Middle East to journalistic reporting; conduct symposia; sit on influential industry panels; and, through initiatives such as the annual Summer Media Institute and Qatar Leadership Conference, do important outreach into the Qatari academic community. Most importantly, they are fully dedicated to helping students develop and flourish as critical thinkers and problem-solvers, as thinkers, leaders, investigators, and global citizens.
Globalism
It’s not just a buzzword here. It’s arguably NU-Q’s greatest asset, displayed in the dazzlingly diverse array of languages spoken, special foods prepared and eaten, traditional clothing worn, and multicultural perspectives shared by the 32 different nationalities represented in our student body of just 248.

Graduate School
Our career advisers help students with post-graduate exams, personal statements, letters of recommendation, and more. Under their careful guidance, NU-Q graduates go on to study at some of the world’s premier post-graduate institutions. Recent graduate school acceptances include Cambridge University, Oxford University, Harvard University, Columbia University, McGill University, Northwestern University, and the London School of Economics.

Housing
NU-Q students who choose to live on campus may select from one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartment-style units with private bathrooms within the Education City housing, managed by the Qatar Foundation. Our modern, LEED Platinum-Certified, ADA-compliant residence halls feature study rooms, public majlis, wireless internet, televisions, and laundry facilities.

Internships
Students are strongly encouraged to complete one, and with good reason. It’s a critical way to gain on-the-job experience and leadership skills while making industry connections that can lead to post-graduation employment. Whether you want to stay in the region or pursue an overseas position, our Career Services office will help you fine-tune your resume and find an experiential opportunity that enhances your classroom learning.

Media Coverage
We not only study and practice it, NU-Q generates a lot of it. Newspapers of record from near (Doha News, Gulf Times) and far (The Washington Post, The New York Times) and within the media/entertainment industry (Variety, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting) have highlighted NU-Q’s role in producing media talent for the MENA region.

Minor in Media and Politics
Our Minor in Media and Politics, offered jointly by NU-Q and the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, challenges students to examine how politics and mass media influence each other—and how those influences play out in policymaking, diplomacy, and public participation.
Northwestern University

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir and Her Highness Sheikh Moza bint Nasser, the Qatar Foundation was created to enhance the quality and accessibility of education for the Qatari people. With an eye to developing leaders who will steer the country’s destiny within the region, the Foundation focuses its efforts and funding in the areas of education, research and science, and community development. The Foundation’s partnerships with NU-Q and Education City’s other universities support Qatar’s path to a “knowledge economy” while providing our students with numerous opportunities to conduct sophisticated research, study under highly accomplished faculty, and interact with an even bigger and more diverse cohort of peers.

Qatar Foundation

Research

Given that our home university is one of the United States’ preeminent private research institutions, it should come as no surprise that Northwestern University in Qatar puts a premium on investigative study. With the help of three different National Priority Research Program (NPRP) funds and two generous Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP) grants—more than US$1.5 million in funding—our students and faculty conduct visionary media research, publish, and present all over the world.

Pre-college Programs

NU-Q offers multiple learning opportunities for high school students in 9th-12th grades who are interested in journalism and communication, engineering; graduate school; journalism, media, integrated marketing; law; music; medicine; professional studies; and a school of education and social policy. In total, Northwestern University has 12 schools—of which NU-Q is one—all internationally recognized: arts and sciences; business; education and social policy; engineering; graduate school; journalism, media, integrated marketing; law; music; medicine; professional studies; and a school of education and social policy.

Northwestern University

Officially established in 1851,10 and media studies.11 Northwestern attracts a socially, economically, and ethnically diverse student body of future leaders in every field. In total, Northwestern University has 12 schools—of which NU-Q is one—all internationally recognized: arts and sciences; business; education and social policy; engineering; graduate school; journalism, media, integrated marketing; law; music; medicine; professional studies; and a school of education and social policy.

Northwestern University ranks near the top of several of U.S. News and World Report’s respected lists, including national university (#12).12 We’re #15 on Forbes’ list of America’s Top Colleges.2 #20 on Times Higher Education’s Best University (World Ranking) list.3 #10 on Reuters list of the World’s Most Innovative Universities.4 The Medill School ranks #2 on College Factual’s Top Colleges for Journalism’s list and #2 on the NewsPro-Radio Television Digital News Association 2015 Top Journalism School list.6

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Residency

A required component of our BS in Journalism program, the 10-week Journalism Residency program prepares both our Doha- and Evanston-based students for success in the 21st-century media marketplace. Whether proofing copy under deadline for the Huffington Post in New York City, helping prep for a new client pitch at Fleishman-Hillard in London, or assisting an on-the-ground producer for Al Jazeera (just a few of our many media partners), students will hone their skills and make important career connections while contributing to the public good. Just one recent example: students and faculty journeyed to Zambia to learn firsthand about the global water crisis, volunteering at a local school and raising money for a clean-water charity.7

Service Learning

While we pride ourselves on our outstanding classroom experience, we believe the true value of a Northwestern University in Qatar education is found in the way our students interact with the world. NU-Q students volunteer their time and talents on numerous local civic engagement projects; others take international service trips to deepen their understanding of global affairs while contributing to the public good. Just one recent example: students and faculty journeyed to Zambia to learn firsthand about the global water crisis, volunteering at a local school and raising money for a clean-water charity.7

Student Services

NU-Q aims to support our students in every imaginable way—academically, socially, physically, spiritually—from their first hours on campus until graduation day. Our “Wildcat Welcome” (see next column) orients incoming students to campus life, while our academic advising and Writing Center help students set and achieve academic goals. Students can also take advantage of health and wellness counselors, technological support, career development, and more.

Study Abroad

NU-Q students may participate in another school’s study abroad program during the summer months. We do caution that before enrolling in any summer program, a student should consult with her or his academic advisor regarding foreign language or other preparation; potential impact on financial support or graduation date; and applicability of courses for transfer and/or fulfillment of NU-Q requirements.10

Wildcat Welcome

It’s our new student orientation, where first-year and transfer students meet the new classmates, professors, and other mentors who will help shape your NU-Q experience—both inside and outside the classroom. During this week, just before the start of fall term, you’ll be assigned to a peer-advising group guided by an adviser. Your advising group—called your “pride”—will actually stay together throughout your entire first year, providing the support, connections, and friendship that will help you succeed and thrive at NU-Q.
Admissions

Admission to Northwestern University in Qatar is highly selective. Students with high ability and a demonstrated interest in global engagement and citizenship are encouraged to apply. Personal essays and teachers’ recommendations, in addition to grades and test scores, will help provide a well-rounded picture of each potential NU-Q student.

Secondary School Preparation

Students come to NU-Q from around the world and from a broad range of secondary school experiences. We find students are best prepared for the rigors of the NU-Q curriculum if they’ve completed the following courses, with additional consideration given to courses taken at the accelerated, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate levels:

- **English/Writing**: 4 full years
- **History/Social Science**: 2-4 full years
- **Laboratory Science**: 2-4 full years
- **Mathematics**: 3-4 full years
- **Foreign or Native Language**: 2 full years of one foreign language or 4 full-year courses in your native language

Standardized Tests

While NU-Q does not have absolute minimums for standardized test scores—applicants are considered based on a number of factors—the most competitive applicants will have strong scores on the ACT and SAT tests. We also recommend that applicants sit for SAT II Subject Tests. Because the NU-Q curriculum requires mastery of the English language, applicants who are not native English speakers should also sit for the TOEFL or IELTS test.

Campus visit

We welcome you to visit our campus and encourage you to meet with us. Personal interviews are not a required step in the admissions process but can often help prospective students gauge whether NU-Q is the right fit.

Tuition and Financing

Northwestern University in Qatar charges students and families the same fees as its home campus in the United States. Academic costs for the 2016-2017 academic year were $52,004 or 189,296 QAR, with additional expenses, such as housing and materials, totaling about $4,860 per academic year with a refundable deposit of $550.

While a private-university education must be looked upon as a long-term investment in your future, we believe that opportunity should not be limited by a student’s ability to pay. In concert with the Qatar Foundation, NU-Q offers a variety of options to help finance your education, including both merit- and need-based scholarships:

**Merit Scholarships**

Qatar Foundation and Northwestern University offer a limited number of scholarships—which may cover up to forty percent of tuition costs—for truly exceptional students. Interested applicants must complete the CSS Profile and provide the requested documentation by March 1, and will be informed of any awards in their acceptance letter from the University.

**Need-Based Scholarships**

Students can apply for supplemental need-based scholarships through NU-Q. To be considered, interested students must complete the CSS profile and apply for HBKU Financial Aid and U.S. Federal Aid (if applicable, see next column).

**U.S. Federal Aid**

U.S. citizens and permanent residents (green-card holders) may be eligible for either a Federal Direct Stafford Loan or ParentPLUS Loan; to be considered, students must complete the FAFSA application online.

**Other Sponsorship**

Prospective students have a number of other private sponsorship options to help finance their NU-Q education, including the Higher Education Institute, the Hamad Bin Khalifa Financial Aid Program, intergovernmental agreements with participating countries (contact the HBKU Financial Aid Office to learn which countries are currently offering financial aid to Education City students), and a special program for children of Qatari mothers. Students may also seek sponsorship directly from either Qatari government agencies or their corporate partners; eligibility criteria vary by organization.

**Student Employment**

Full-time students can work part-time—up to 20 hours per week—on campus to help finance their tuition. NU-Q students also seek employment in residence halls and the student center, as teaching assistants, research and department assistants, and more.

More details on the funds described above and their application processes can be found on our website: [www.qatar.northwestern.edu](http://www.qatar.northwestern.edu)
## Northwestern University in Qatar at a Glance

| Founding (Evanston): | 1851 |
| Founding (Doha): | 2008 |

| Number of Countries Represented in Student Body: | 32 |
| Student to Faculty Ratio: | 8:1 |
| Male/Female Ratio: | 1:3 |
| Students: | 248 |
| Major: Media and Politics |
| Certificate: Middle East Studies and Strategic Communication |
| Number of NU-Q Faculty: | 36 |
| Number of NU-Q Students Involved in Research Grants: | 26 |
| Average Number of Pieces of Work Produced, Directed, Filmed, Animated, Researched, Reported, and Broadcast During a Graduate's Four Years at NU-Q: | 500 |
| Courses (Offered at NU-Q During Academic Year 2015–16): | 89 |
| Percentage of NU-Q Graduates Who Pursue Advanced Degrees: | 34% |
| Number of Companies Taking Part in the Education City Career Fair: | 98 |
| Number of Students Participating in Evanston Exchange: | 12 |

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