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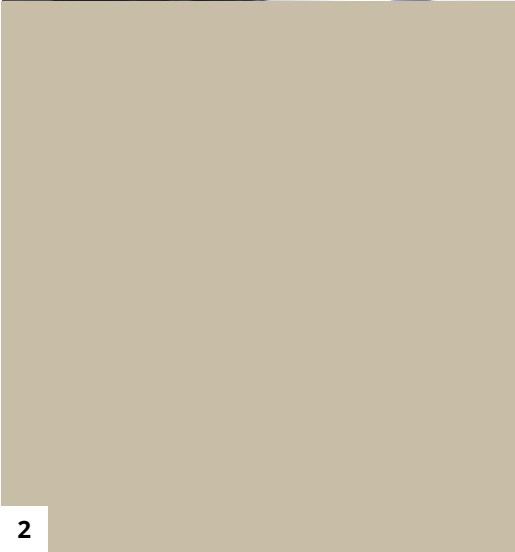
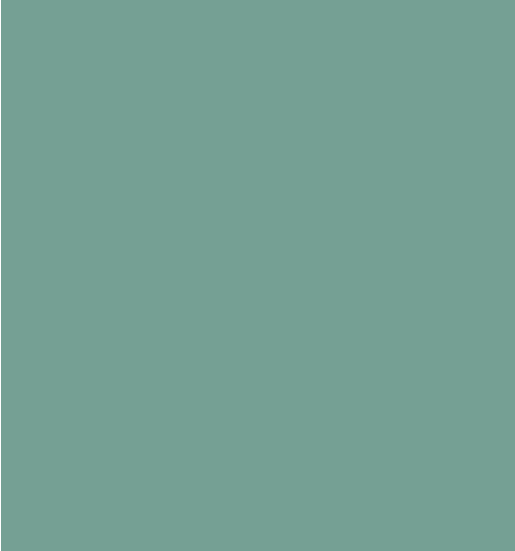
Research Initiatives
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Research at Carnegie Mellon

A research institute like no other, Carnegie Mellon is home to the world's leading experts in a range of fields. In this tradition, Carnegie Mellon Qatar nurtures and develops opportunities for faculty members and students to build regionally relevant research programs in their areas of expertise.

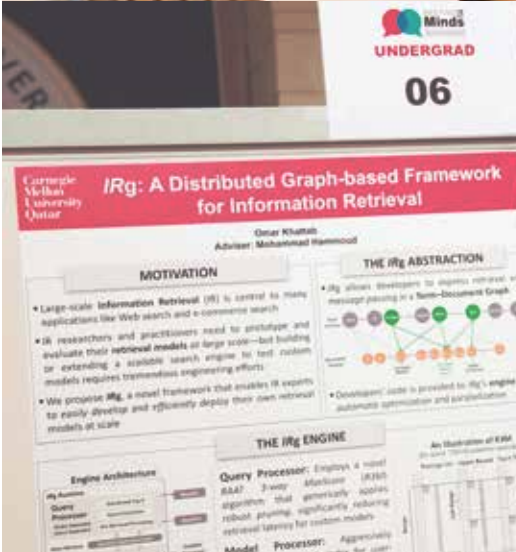


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From Dean Michael Trick



Welcome to *Research Initiatives 2018-19*, a compilation of the research highlights from the last academic year at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar.

At Carnegie Mellon, we describe our research as “delivering work that matters.” We are a research university like no other, with a clear mission to investigate questions that will have real impact. At the CMU-Q campus, we have an additional charge: to deliver work that matters to Qatar.

For faculty members, research is a way to explore questions and deepen understanding within their areas of expertise. Our faculty researchers are dedicated to scientific inquiry, exploration and discovery, and their body of work demonstrates creativity, hard work and a commitment to finding real answers. Living and working within Qatar, they focus both on questions that are unique to Qatar, and issues that are applicable in our modern world.

At an undergraduate campus, there is another reason why research matters: systematic inquiry and investigation enhances learning. Our undergraduate students can experience the scientific process directly, with hands-on work in a variety of areas. This work nurtures the skills of creativity and critical thinking, and for some students, sparks a career path in research. For others, research develops the skills of teamwork and problem solving, which are invaluable in the workplace.

Research Initiatives 2018-19 offers a glimpse into the work our faculty and students have achieved over the academic year. I invite you to learn more about the thought and inquiry taking place at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar.

Michael Trick

Dean

Harry B. and James H. Higgins Professor of Operations Research





Research at CMU-Q

At its heart, research at Carnegie Mellon looks for practical answers to complex, real world problems. In this spirit, we at the Qatar campus encourage our faculty members and students to explore their fields and engage in projects that will have an impact.



Faculty Research Highlights

Research at Carnegie Mellon focuses on work that matters across the spectrum of human experience. In this tradition, faculty researchers at the Qatar campus focus on making a real world impact in a variety of fields of study.

Faculty research

15
ongoing NPRP
research projects

18
book chapters

40
publications

51
conference
presentations

Turkish Natural Language Processing

Kemal Oflazer, along with co-editor **Murat Saraçlar** of Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, spent more than four years bringing together 25 years of work in the area of Turkish Natural Language Processing. The book was published in 2018 in both hard-copy and online versions, and more than 2,000 copies of various chapters have been downloaded.

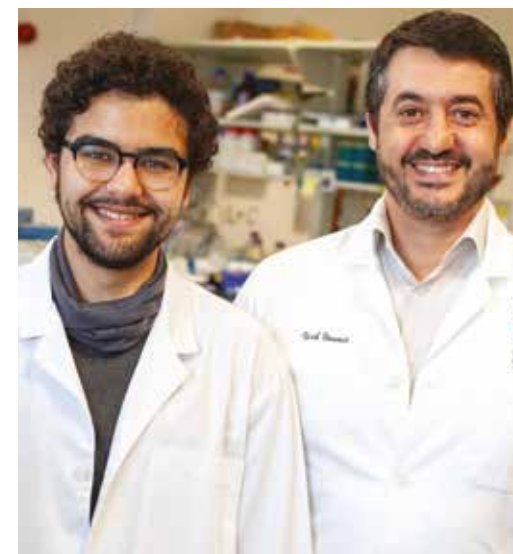


Digital, 3D model to help in prenatal care

CMU-Q's **Hasan Demirkoparan** and **Heiko Topol** have created a new mathematical model to predict how human tissue responds to the physical stresses of pregnancy. The digital 3D model could lead to a new tool for doctors to measure the risk of miscarriage or pre-term delivery.



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New avenue of investigation for cancer therapy

CMU-Q researchers have discovered a new area of inquiry that could lead to more effective breast cancer treatment. **Ihab Younis** and **Ettaib El Marabti**, a 2017 graduate, have investigated how the cellular mechanism splicing is different in cancer cells. Targeting these cells could be one way to kill cancer cells while leaving healthy tissue intact.

Alan Male's *A Companion to Illustration*

Susan Hagan was invited to contribute a chapter to **Alan Male's**, *A Companion to Illustration: Art and Theory*, a benchmark reference volume that explores the definition of illustration and its impact on culture. Hagan's chapter discusses illustrators as collaborative problem solvers.



WISE roundtable on language learning policy

Dudley Reynolds led a roundtable discussion on the topic of language learning and multilingualism. The discussion was part of the WISE Happening series, a monthly forum hosted by the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE).

HBKU collaborations

Nesrine Affara delivered a seminar for the Life Science Seminar Series at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, sharing insights into the mechanisms that link humoral immunity, inflammation and cancer.

Ihab Younis presented his work on deregulation of minor intron splicing as a critical contributor to breast cancer at the College of Health and Life Sciences Research Day.

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One function of language is that it connects people to history, heritage and identity. We are a world of nations, and language also serves to create national cohesion.

Dudley Reynolds
Language Policy in Globalized Contexts
2019 WISE Research

Faculty Research Highlights

Faculty members at the Carnegie Mellon Qatar campus are actively engaged in projects that have local, regional and international significance.

Liberal Arts conference at Texas A&M

Several CMU-Q faculty members, including keynote speaker **Dudley Reynolds**, presented at the seventh annual Liberal Arts International Conference hosted by Texas A&M University at Qatar. The conference aimed to shed light on the liberal arts in a dynamic global era.

New molecular biology lab

Gordon Rule established a new lab with a team of students investigating the molecular basis of how glutathione transferase inhibits a kinase. This work could lead to a new class of anti-cancer agents.

Health care initiative

Mustafa Akan's work designing a more equitable distribution of donor livers is part of CMU's new Tepper Health Care Initiative, which supports faculty members' research advances in health care. Over the 2018-19 academic year, Akan was invited to present his research to the American Transplant Congress, the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, the INFORMS Healthcare Conference, and the Australian Society of Operations Research.

Qatar Faculty Forum

Benjamin Reilly shared his research at the Qatar Faculty Forum, Qatar Foundation's regular academic seminar series for the liberal arts and sciences. Reilly discussed how the risk of malaria affected travel to Rome in the years 1400 to 1850.

International faculty collaborations

- **Christos Kapoutsis** was selected for the International Federation for Information Processing's Working Group 1.2, "Descriptive Complexity."
- **Kemal Oflazer** was invited to serve as associate editor of Computer Speech and Language (Elsevier).
- **Giselle Reis** was elected to the steering committee for "Logical Frameworks and Meta Languages: Theory and Practice Workshops." She also served as program chair for the 2018 Logical Frameworks and Meta Languages: Theory and Practice (LFMTP).

Research into e-textbooks

At information literacy conferences in Europe and North America, **Teresa MacGregor** and **Alicia Salaz** presented their research into textbook format preference. The study looks at how libraries can maximize the learning value of e-textbooks by training students to use digital platform features more effectively.

New projects

- **Incoming subaward with Qatar University**
The Garbled Computer: Towards computing without seeing
Co-LPI: **Ryan Riley**
Co-LPI: **Qutaibah Malluhi**, Qatar University

- **Incoming subaward with Hamad Bin Khalifa University**

Circumventing of microbial bioinvasion controls by ballast water

PI: **Annette Vincent**
LPI: **Basem Shomar**, Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI), HBKU

- **New seed grant in arts and sciences**

Pilot corpus of undergraduate information systems writing in Qatar

Pia Gomez Laich

- **New seed grant in biological sciences**

Molecular mechanism of Jun Kinase (JNK) inhibition by GSTP1: Phase I - reagent development

Gordon Rule

Climate change and sustainability

Chadi Aoun presented a workshop on climate change and sustainability at the Qatar Investment Authority, as well as a lecture on green information systems at the THIMUN Qatar Leadership Conference. In 2019, he was invited to serve on the SustainableQatar advisory board.



Research Seminar Series

The Research Office launched a new seminar series for the CMU-Q community, inviting students, faculty and staff to learn more about the ongoing projects at the university.

SLATE-Q: Making writing expectations explicit through interdisciplinary collaborations

University students are expected to write analytically and argumentatively, but many lack the awareness or language control, and assignments often do not make expectations explicit. A collaboration between applied linguists and information systems faculty members, this study has developed pedagogical interventions to support learners as they write effective, analytical texts.

The SLATE-Q team is led by **Silvia Pessoa** and includes CMU-Q principal investigators **Selma Limam Mansar**, **Pia Gomez Laich**, **Divakaran Liginlal**, **Thomas Mitchell**, and **Susan Hagan**. The team also includes **Ahmar Mahboob**, University of Sydney, and **Ryan Miller**, Kent State University.

Modeling collagenous soft tissue

Mathematical models that describe how soft biological tissue responds to mechanical stress are an essential part of basic biomechanics. This project creates continuum level mathematical formulations that describe the relation between swelling, deformation, stress, and key metabolic factors.

Heiko Topol is a postdoctoral research associate with a background in mechanical engineering. The co-lead principal investigators for this project are CMU-Q's **Hasan Demirkoparan** and **Thomas Pence** from Michigan State University.

Bacteriophages in wastewater: isolation and use

Water security and sustainability in Qatar is a critical issue, since the only source of drinking water is the desalinated seawater from the Arabian Gulf. Water quality and safety is a key component of water security. This project aims to isolate and use bacteriophages as biomonitoring tools in wastewater treatment plants to validate the efficacy of the treatment process.

Annette Vincent is the program director of biological sciences and the lead principal investigator for this project. The principal investigators include CMU-Q's **Valentin Ilyin** and **Basem Shomar** from HBKU's Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute.

A comparison of the impact of the Basel Standards upon Islamic and conventional bank risks in the gulf state region

Subsequent to the 2008 global crisis, Basel III has proposed some major changes to banking regulations. This project is a comparative study of the Islamic and conventional banking sector risks using market data generated from a sample of publicly listed Islamic and conventional banks in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.

John O'Brien and **Fuad Farooqi** are part of the business administration faculty at CMU-Q, teaching courses in finance and accounting. In addition to Islamic finance, their research interests lie in the areas of fintech and the blockchain.

Formalization of automated trading systems in a concurrent linear framework

By formally representing the core of a financial exchange as a set of logical formulas, it is possible to both run the exchange and prove properties about it. This project uses a concurrent and linear framework to model a financial order matching system where buy and sell orders are matched according to the price-time priority.

Dragiša Žunić was a postdoctoral research associate who worked with co-lead principal investigators CMU-Q's **Giselle Reis** and CMU's **Iliano Cervesato** on this project.

Role of the PDZ- and LIM-containing protein Zasp in integrin-mediated cell adhesion


In multicellular organisms, cells attach to each other and the matrix around them using specific adhesion proteins called integrins to form functional tissues and organs. Cells can regulate their adhesion to move, migrate and invade. This study focuses on how cells regulate integrin function, which could help better understanding how normal cells function and how disease onset takes place.

Mohamed Bouaouina is an assistant teaching professor of biological sciences at CMU-Q and lead principal investigator on the project.



Student and Alumni Research Highlights

For their research projects, students are encouraged to reach beyond traditional program boundaries to tap into creativity, innovative problem solving and teamwork.



School of Computer Science award for research

Omar Khattab received the Alumni Award for Undergraduate Excellence in Computer Science by CMU's School of Computer Science. The award was given for Khattab's senior thesis, which he completed under the mentorship of **Mohammad Hammoud**.

iGEM competition

A team of students from four programs developed a rapid, inexpensive test using CRISPR technology to screen for carriers of sickle cell anemia. They presented their project at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



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ISSCR Abstract Merit Award

CMU-Q alumna **Bushra Memon**, who is now pursuing her PhD at the College of Health and Life Sciences at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, was recognized by the International Society for Stem Cell Research for her outstanding research on diabetes during the 2019 ISSCR Conference in Los Angeles.



Alumni diabetes research at CUDOS 2018

CMU-Q alumni showcased their work at the conference series on understanding molecular mechanisms in cardiovascular biology, diabetes, obesity and stroke, organized by Sidra Medicine. **Alya Al-Kurbi, Asma Al-Naama, Omair Al Nuaimi, Reem Hasnah** and **Mohammed Janahi** each presented work in the area of Type 1 diabetes.



“I spent all of my time researching at CMU-Q, which is now reflected in the work I do. I am able to do this job because of the laboratory skills I developed at CMU-Q.”

Saad Rasool

Research Specialist, Sidra Medicine
Class of 2018

Frontiers of Oncology

Sophomore student **Abdullah Shaar** co-authored a *Frontiers of Oncology* article that investigates the role of a proto-oncoprotein in human malignancies. Shaar worked on the project during an internship at the National Center for Cancer Care and Research at Hamad Medical Corporation.

Voice technology at the World Economic Forum

CMU-Q alumnus **Mahmoud Al Ismail**, now a research associate at the School of Computer Science, was part of a CMU delegation to the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of New Champions, in Tianjin, China. Al Ismail is part of a team at the Language Technologies Institute.

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Student Projects

Through research projects, students develop the skills of intellectual rigor and creative problem solving that are integral to their careers and future studies.

QSIURP 2018 awards

Through the Qatar Student-Initiated Undergraduate Research Program, students develop research skills by working on projects that are driven by their interests. The projects are research, scholarly, or artistic activities that lead to the production of new knowledge, increased problem-solving capabilities, original, critical, or historical theory and interpretation, or the production of art.

- **Sayed Amir**, Role of Kindlin-2 in breast cancer cell adhesion and migration
Faculty advisor: **Mohamed Bouaouina**
- **Mohammed Yusuf Ansari** and **Maimoon Siddiqui**, Developing a group study mobile application by researching human computer interaction
Faculty advisor: **Giselle Reis**
- **Aya Nour**, Effect of p38 α -dependent AUF1 phosphorylation on transcription factor ATF3 stabilization
Faculty advisor: **Ihab Younis**
- **Julian Sam** and **Sameer Ahmad**, Code translation for implementing a functional assertion engine in SML
Faculty advisor: **Giselle Reis**



International conferences

- IEEE Local Computer Networks Conference, **Shaden Shaar**, Chicago, USA
- CIKM 2018 International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management, **Omar Khattab**, Turin, Italy
- iGEM 2018 Giant Jamboree competition, **Kaan Aksoy**, **Dina Altarawneh**, **Joana Khatib**, **Maimoon Siddiqui**, Boston, USA
- 17th IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications, **Shaden Shaar**, Orlando, USA



Senior Honors theses

- **Al-Dana Al-Mohannadi**, Toward enhancing technology use in Qatar's public schools
Faculty advisor: **Susan Hagan**
- **Khalid Al-Naemi**, Integrin-mediated signaling in breast cancer cells
Faculty advisor: **Mohamed Bouaouina**
- **Najlaa Al-Thani**, Metagenomic analysis of DNA and RNA profiles in ballast water
Faculty advisor: **Annette Vincent**
- **Sayed Amir**, Role of Kindlin-2 in breast cancer cell adhesion and migration
Faculty advisor: **Mohamed Bouaouina**
- **Aisha Fakhroo**, PTEN gene encodes a ncRNA that acts as a potent tumor suppressor in breast cancer
Faculty advisor: **Ihab Younis**
- **Kawthar Jafarian**, Molecular tools for microbial viability assessment in environmental samples: Case study of ballast water
Faculty advisor: **Annette Vincent**
- **Youssef Kanbour**, Targeted demethylation of CpG islands
Faculty advisor: **Ihab Younis**
- **Omar Khattab**, A distributed, graph-based framework for information retrieval
Faculty advisor: **Mohammad Hammoud**
- **Aya Nour**, The effect of p38 α kinase on binding of AUF1 protein to ATF3 transcripts in breast cancer
Faculty advisor: **Ihab Younis**



Meeting of the Minds

The annual Meeting of the Minds symposium featured research projects from all five programs of study, including 26 from undergraduate students. Expert judges represented organizations from across Qatar.

CMU-Q awards

Best project: First place

- **Omar Khattab**, IRg: A distributed graph-based framework for information retrieval
Advisor: **Mohammad Hammoud**

Khattab created a novel framework that makes it easier and more efficient for information retrieval experts to develop and deploy scalable search engines. Large-scale information retrieval is central to many applications like web and e-commerce searches.

Best project: Second place

- **Beom Jin Jayden Park** and **Hawra Al-Saygh**, Effect of aspartame on kinetics of calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase
Advisor: **Annette Vincent**

Best project: Third place

- **Youssef Kanbour**, Re-expression of BCRA1 using targeted DNA demethylation in breast cancer cells
Advisor: **Ihab Younis**

Best poster design

- **Al-Dana Al-Mohannadi**, Educating girls in Qatar: Toward enhancing technology use in public schools
Advisor: **Susan Hagan**



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QNRF undergraduate awards

Qatar National Research Fund and CMU-Q have a long history of partnership and collaboration, and the fruits of this partnership are on display at Meeting of the Minds. Many of the student projects are off-shoots of larger, faculty-led projects that have been generously funded by QNRF.

31
posters

21
external
judges

This year's QNRF awards were presented by senior program manager for ICT at QNRF, **Dr. Munir Tag**.

- **Albandari Al-Khater**, Modulating PARP1 splicing in breast cancer as potential therapeutic approach
Advisor: **Ihab Younis**
- **Omar Khattab**, IRg: A distributed graph-based framework for information retrieval
Advisor: **Mohammad Hammoud**
- **Anis Charfi, Syed Mehdi** and **Esraa Mohamad**, ARAP – Author profiling and its application for market segmentation

Planning and Statistics Authority awards

For many years, the Planning and Statistics Authority has supported undergraduate research at CMU-Q with special awards for projects relevant to Qatar.

The awards from the Planning and Statistics Authority were announced by **Dr. Barak Yehya**, a longtime friend and supporter of CMU-Q.

- **Aisha Fakhroo, Boshra Al-Sulaiti** and **Reem Elasad**, PTEN gene encodes a ncRNA that acts as a potent tumor suppressor in breast cancer
Advisor: **Ihab Younis**
- **Kawthar Al-Sadat**, Molecular tools for microbial viability assessment in environmental samples: Case study of ballast water
Advisors: **Basem Shomar**, Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute, and **Annette Vincent**
- **Al-Dana Al-Mohannadi**, Educating girls in Qatar: Toward enhancing technology use in public schools
Advisor: **Susan Hagan**
- **Faiq Defiandry**, What does the eye say?
Advisor: **Jennifer Bruder**
- **Anis Charfi, Esraa Mohamad** and **Syed Mehdi**, Deception detection in Arabic text



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Appendices

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Ongoing Externally Funded Projects

National Priorities Research Program, Qatar National Research Fund

- a. Role of the PDZ- and LIM-containing protein Zasp in integrin-mediated cell adhesion.
Lead PI: **Mohamed Bouaouina**
- b. Teams of aquatic/aerial robots for marine environmental monitoring (TARMEM)
Lead PI: **Gianni Di Caro**
Subaward partners:
PI: Enrico Simetti, University of Genova
PI: Filippo Arrichiello, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio
- c. Personalised drug selection for cancer treatment in Qatar
PI: **Valentin Ilyin**
Subcontract with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC):
Lead PI: Peter Coveney, University College London
Co-Lead PI: Mohamad Ussama Al Homsí, HMC
- d. Arab author profiling for cyber-security
Lead PI: **Anis Charfi**
Subaward partners:
PI: Wajdi Zaghouani, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
PI: Abdelmajid Ben Hamadou, Centre de Recherche en Numérique de Sfax, Tunisia
PI: Paolo Ross, Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain
- e. Scalable analytics engine for big graphs on the cloud
Lead PI: **Mohammad Hammoud**
Subaward partners:
PI: Tamar Elsayed, Qatar University
PI: Rami Melhem, University of Pittsburgh
- f. Molecular profiling of breast cancer transcriptome and splicing aberrations
Lead PI: **Ihab Younis**
- g. New mathematical models for the large strain swelling response of biological tissues: Applications to edema, inflammation, and pregnancy
Co-Lead PI: **Hasan Demirkoparan**
Lead PI: Thomas Pence, Michigan State University, UA



- h. Towards mobile opportunistic cloud computing: Enabling generic computation offloading to extreme heterogeneous entities
Lead PI: **Khaled Harras**

QHCN: Towards reliable and efficient mHealth system with multimodal processing and communications for effective remote patient diagnosis
PI: **Khaled Harras**
Subcontract with Qatar University (QU):
Lead PI: Amr Mohamed, QU
- i. SLATE-Q: Scaffolding literacy in academic and tertiary environments: The case of communication in information systems
Lead PI: **Silvia Pessoa**
PI: **Pia Gomez Laich**
PI: **Selma Limam Mansar**
PI: **Thomas Mitchell**
PI: **Susan Hagan**
PI: **Divakaran Liginlal**
Subaward partners:
PI: Ryan Miller, Kent State University
PI: Ahmar Mahboob, University of Sydney
- j. Bringing computer science to secondary schools – Curriculum design and implementation
Lead PI: **Saquist Razak**
- k. MADAR: Multi-Arabic dialect applications and resources
Co-Lead PI: **Kemal Oflazer**
PI: **Houda Bouamor**
Subaward partners:
Lead PI: Nizar Habash, New York University Abu Dhabi
PI: Owen Rambow: Columbia University
- l. Testing English reading comprehension through deep text analysis and question generation
Lead PI: **Kemal Oflazer**
PI: Teruko Mitamura, Carnegie Mellon University
- m. Automated verification of properties of concurrent, distributed and parallel specifications with applications to computer security
Co-Lead PI: **Giselle Reis**
Lead PI: Iliano Cervesato, Carnegie Mellon University
Subaward partner:
PI: Carsten Schürmann, University of Copenhagen
- n. Using bacteriophages as biomonitoring tools for water quality measurements
Lead PI: **Annette Vincent**
PI: **Valentin Ilyin**
Subaward partner:
PI: Basem Shomar, Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI), HBKU

Qatar Foundation World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

- o. Language policy in globalized contexts
Lead PI: **Dudley Reynolds**

Faculty Publications, July 2018 to June 2019

- C.G Rickert, Z. Leung, **Mustafa Akan**, J.F. Markmann, S. Tayur, H. Zhao and H. Yeh. "DOME: A new strategy for prioritizing hepatocellular carcinoma patients on the liver transplant waitlist." In *American Journal of Transplantation*.
- E. Nadar, A. Akcay, **Mustafa Akan** and A. Scheller-Wolf. "The benefits of state aggregation with extreme-point weighting for assemble-to-order systems." In *Operations Research*.
- **Mustafa Akan**. "Queueing games." In *Handbook of Healthcare Analytics: Theoretical Minimum for Conducting 21st Century Research on Healthcare Operations*. Tinglong Dai and Sridhar Tayur (Eds.). John Wiley and Sons, Inc.
- Paolo Rosso, Francisco Rangel Prado, Bilal Ghanem and **Anis Charfi**. "ARAP: Arabic author profiling for cyber-security." In *Procesamiento del Lenguaje Natural*.
- Heiko Topol, **Hasan Demirkoparan** and T. J. Pence. "Morphoelastic fiber remodeling in pressurized thick-walled cylinders with application to soft tissue collagenous tubes." In *European Journal of Mechanics A/Solids*.
- J. Guzzi, A. Giusti, L. Gambardella and **Gianni Di Caro**. "A model of artificial emotions for behavior-modulation and implicit coordination in multi-robot systems." In *Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO)*.
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- **Pia Gomez Laich** and N. Taguchi. "Task complexity effects on interaction during a collaborative persuasive essay writing task: A conversation-analytic perspective." In *Task-based approaches to teaching and assessing pragmatics*. N. Taguchi and Y. Kim (Eds.). John Benjamins.
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- M.H. Mofrad, R. Melhem and **Mohammad Hammoud**. "Revolver: Vertex-centric graph partitioning using reinforcement learning." In *Proceedings of the 10th IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing Technology and Science*.
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- A. Saeed, A. Abdelkader, A. Neishaboori, **Khaled A. Harras** and A. Mohamed. "On realistic target coverage by autonomous drones." In *Proceedings of IEEE Transactions on Sensor Networks*.
- A. Guirguis, F. Digham, K. Seddik, M. Ibrahim, **Khaled A. Harras** and M. Youssef. "Primary user aware optimal discovery routing for cognitive radio networks." In *Proceedings of IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing*.
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- Deepak Kumar, M.R. Myers, U. Al Homsy and **Valentin Ilyin**. "Role of ESR pathway genes." In *Breast Cancer: A Review. Advances in Breast Cancer Research*.
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- **Mustafa Akan.** “REACH: A new strategy for prioritizing hepatocellular carcinoma patients on the liver transplant waitlist.” INFORMS Healthcare Conference, MIT Sloan School. Boston, USA.
- **Mustafa Akan.** “Size based exception points for fair liver allocation.” INFORMS Healthcare Conference, MIT Sloan School. Boston, USA.
- **Mustafa Akan.** “Pricing in a two-sided market with time-sensitive customers and suppliers.” Australian Society of Operations Research (ASOR) Conference. Melbourne, Australia.
- **Mustafa Akan.** “Size based exception points for fair liver allocation.” INFORMS Annual Meeting. Seattle, USA and Phoenix, USA.
- **Chadi Aoun.** “How can you save the world with Green Information Systems?” THIMUN Qatar Leadership Conference. Doha, Qatar.
- **Chadi Aoun.** “Climate change and sustainability: Implications for effective governance.” Qatar Investment Authority (QIA). Doha, Qatar.
- **Lauren Burakowski, Jennifer Bruder,** and E. D. Thiessen. “Exploring implicit attitudes of gender in a multi-national population.” 31st APS Annual Convention. Washington D.C., USA.
- T. J. Pence and **Hasan Demirkoparan.** “Swelling twist interaction in a fiber reinforced hyperelastic tube.” 10th European Solid Mechanics Conference. Bologna, Italy.
- Heiko Topol, **Hasan Demirkoparan** and T. J. Pence. “Stretch-dependent remodeling of collagen-like dispersed fibers.” 10th European Solid Mechanics Conference (ESMC). Bologna, Italy.
- **Gianni Di Caro.** “A survey of machine learning for combinatorial optimization.” 30th European Conference on Operational Research. Dublin, Ireland.
- **Pia Gomez Laich, Divakaran Liginlal** and M. Maune. “Teaching analytical argumentative writing across disciplines.” Liberal Arts International Conference (LAIC), Texas A&M University. Doha, Qatar.
- **Pia Gomez Laich** and R. M. Miller. “Making expectations clear: SFL-based scaffolding of writing in information systems.” International Systemic Functional Congress (ISFC), Boston College. Boston, USA.
- S. El-Ayyat, S.G. Aly and **Khaled A. Harras.** “On integrating space syntax metrics with socialaware opportunistic forwarding.” IEEE Wireless Communication and Networking Conference (WCNC). Marrakech, Morocco.
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- A. Saeed, Y. Zhao, N. Dukkupati, E. Zegura, M. Ammar, **Khaled A. Harras** and A. Vahdat. “Efficient and flexible software packet scheduling.” USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI). Boston, USA.
- A. Elgazzar, M. Aazam and **Khaled A. Harras.** “EdgeStore: Leveraging user-owned edge devices for mobile storage offloading.” IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing Technology and Science (CloudCom). Nicosia, Cyprus.
- M. Aazam, **Khaled A. Harras** and A. Elgazzar. “Delay tolerant computing: The untapped potential.” ACM MobiCom Workshop on Challenged Networks (CHANTs). New Delhi, India.
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- A. Saeed, M. Ammar, E. Zegura and **Khaled A. Harras.** “If you can’t beat them, augment them: Improving local WiFi with only above driver changes.” IEEE International Conference on Network Protocols (ICNP). Cambridge, UK.
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- M.A. Shah and **Khaled A. Harras.** “Hitting three birds with one system: A voice-based CAPTCHA for the modern user.” IEEE International Conference on Web Services (ICWS). San Francisco, USA.
- **Divakaran Liginlal, Silvia Pessoa, Pia Gomez Laich** and **Chadi Aoun.** “Applying the onion model to scaffold writing development in information systems courses.” 24th Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS). New Orleans, USA.
- **Divakaran Liginlal, Silvia Pessoa, Pia Gomez Laich** and **Teresa MacGregor.** “Case development and genre perspectives: A study of academic writing in human computer interaction design courses.” 5th ICMIBI International Conference on Training, Education, and Management. Saint Julian’s, Malta.
- M. Zakaria, **Divakaran Liginlal** and **Chadi Aoun.** “Measuring corporate transparency in sustainability reporting, TREO Talk.” 24th Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS). New Orleans, USA.
- M. Zakaria, **Divakaran Liginlal** and **Chadi Aoun.** “Measuring corporate transparency in sustainability reporting: An information entropy-based approach.” 8th International Conference on Restructuring of the Global Economy (ROGE). University of Oxford, UK.
- L.K. Al-Thani and **Divakaran Liginlal.** “A study of natural interactions with digital heritage artifacts.” 3rd International Congress and Expo, San Francisco, USA.
- **Teresa MacGregor** and **Alicia Salaz.** “You can lead students to VitalSource, but you can’t make them think ... or can you? The impact of training on e-textbook platform preference and recommendations for recasting library practice.” Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Biannual Conference. Cleveland, USA.
- **Teresa MacGregor** and **Alicia Salaz.** “Maximizing the learning value of e-textbooks: Practice recommendations based on a quasi-experiment.” European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL) Annual Conference. Oulu, Finland.
- **Teresa MacGregor,** J. Chisnell and L. Kelley. “Swipe right on JSTOR: Modeling online and speed dating methodologies to match students with library databases.” Library Instruction West (LIW) Annual Conference. Grand Junction, USA.
- **Thomas Mitchell, Pia Gomez Laich** and **Silvia Pessoa.** “Explicit instruction of genre and student writing development: Results from interdisciplinary collaborations.” 2nd International Conference on English Across the Curriculum. Hong Kong, China.
- **Kemal Oflazer.** “Türkçe Doğal Dil İşleme.” (Turkish Natural Language Processing). Boğaziçi University Summer School on Machine Learning in Speech and Language Processing and Bioinformatics. Istanbul, Turkey.
- **Kemal Oflazer.** “Machine Translation.” Boğaziçi University Summer School on Machine Learning in Speech and Language Processing and Bioinformatics. Istanbul, Turkey.
- **Taeyong Park.** “Dynamic specifications and overfitting in time series analysis.” The 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. Salt Lake City, USA.
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- **Silvia Pessoa** and **Pia Gomez Laich.** “Scaffolding writing in higher education through collaborations between writing and disciplinary faculty using an SFL-based genre approach: The case of information systems.” Symposium of Second Language Writing, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada.
- **Silvia Pessoa, Thomas Mitchell, Pia Gomez Laich,** M. Maune and R. Miller. “Applications of SFL and LCT in scaffolding information systems and business writing.” American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL). Atlanta, USA.
- **Silvia Pessoa, Thomas Mitchell, Pia Gomez Laich,** M. Maune and R. Miller. “The application of the onion model and the teaching learning cycle for scaffolding analytical argumentative writing across the disciplines.” TESOL Convention. Atlanta, USA.
- **Silvia Pessoa, Thomas Mitchell,** and **Aaron Jacobson.** “Scaffolding the writing of arguments in history through an interdisciplinary collaboration: The value of explicit language-based writing instruction.” Liberal Arts International Conference (LAIC), Texas A&M University. Doha, Qatar.
- **Silvia Pessoa** and **Thomas Mitchell.** “Scaffolding the writing of arguments in history: The value of explicit language-based writing instruction.” Symposium of Second Language Writing, Simon Fraser University. Vancouver, Canada.
- **Silvia Pessoa** and **Thomas Mitchell.** “Developing argument writing in history through SFL-informed instruction and assessment.” International Systemic Functional Congress, Boston College. Boston, USA.
- **Daniel C. Phelps.** “An introduction to statistical learning.” Hamad Medical Center. Doha, Qatar.
- **Giselle Reis.** “Towards a playground for logicians.” Women in Logic. Oxford, UK.
- **Giselle Reis.** “Formalization of automated trading systems in a concurrent linear framework.” Linearity and TLLA. Oxford, UK.
- **Dudley Reynolds.** “From competition to collaboration.” WISE Happening Roundtable. Doha, Qatar.
- **Nui Vatanasakdakul.** “Cyber war: Qatar blockade – GCC countries.” Community College of Qatar. Doha, Qatar.
- **Nui Vatanasakdakul.** “Digital transformation to risk transformation in financial sector.” 5th Information Security Conference. Doha, Qatar.
- **Nui Vatanasakdakul, Chadi Aoun,** and Y. Putra. “Social media adoption among micro enterprise in Indonesia.” 4th International Conference on Information and Network Technologies (ICINT). Kyoto, Japan.
- **Zealelem Yilma.** “Maximally centralized bipartite graphs.” 10th International Colloquium on Graph Theory and Combinatorics. Lyon, France.
- **Ihab Younis.** “Deregulation of minor intron splicing as a critical contributor to breast cancer.” Hamad Bin Khalifa University, College of Health and Life Sciences Research Day. Doha, Qatar.



Meeting of the Minds Posters

Biological Sciences

Effects of pH and temperature on the activity of alkaline phosphatase from sheep's brain,
Sara AlDarwish, Maha AlTamimi

Effect of high temperatures on alkaline phosphatase isolated from *Escherichia coli*,
Khulood Al-Haroon, Noora Al-Shukri

Kinetic study on effects of the inhibitor L-Phenylalanine on calf intestinal alkaline phosphatases,
Haya Alkaabi, Naila AlSowaidi

Comparing thermostability and enzyme kinetics of bacterial alkaline phosphatase and calf-intestinal alkaline phosphatase at high temperatures, **Reem Al-Karbi, Sondoss Hassan**

Modulating PARP1 splicing in breast cancer as potential therapeutic approach, **Albandari Al-Khater**

Integrin-mediated signaling in breast cancer cells, **Khalid Al-Naemi**

Molecular tools for microbial viability assessment in environmental samples:
Case study of ballast water, **Kawthar Al-Sadat**

Metagenomic analysis of DNA and RNA profiles in ballast water, **Najlaa Al-Thani**

Role of kindlin-2 in breast cancer cell adhesion and migration, **Sayed Sakina Amir**

Role of P21 in the regulation of apoptosis in breast cancer tumor formation, **Sayed Sakina Amir**

PTEN gene encodes a ncRNA that acts as a potent tumor suppressor in breast cancer,
Aisha Fakhroo, Boshra Al-Sulaiti, Reem Elasad

Biological Sciences (continued)

Expression and purification of dihydrofolate reductase,
Dona Ferdinando, Muhammad Nahin Khan

Effect of EDTA on enzymatic activity of calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase,
Muhammad Nahin Khan, Dona Ferdinando

The role of p38 α kinase in regulating AUF1 binding to ATF3 transcripts in breast cancer,
Aya Nour

Effect of aspartame on kinetics of calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase,
Beom Jin Jayden Park, Hawra Al-Saygh

Assessing the catalytic activities of purified placental alkaline phosphatase and alkaline phosphatase from MDA.MB.231 cancer cell-line, **Reema Subeh, Zahra Al-Raisi**

Business Administration

Near-optimal dynamic pricing strategies for selling limited inventory to rational customers,
Shireen Ahmed, Fahad Bahzad, Abraham Farooqui

Supporting students development of self-authorship and reflective judgement, **Zeina Darwiche**

Two-sided matching with random utility and outside options,
Anthony Lo, Fariza Shiyap, Xinyu Ma

Design of service points in queuing networks, **Madhvi Menon, Menatalla Mahmoud**

Computational Biology

Re-expression of BRCA1 using targeted DNA demethylation in breast cancer cells,
Youssef Kanbour

Computer Science

Code translation for implementing a functional assertion engine in SML,
Sameer Ahmad, Julian Sam

IRg: A distributed graph-based framework for information retrieval, **Omar Khattab**

Information Systems

Educating girls in Qatar: Toward enhancing technology use in public schools,
Al-Dana Al-Mohannadi

What does the eye say?, **Faiq Defiandry**

Effect of language direction on spatial cognition, **Masooma Zehra, Danish Memon**

Postgraduate posters

An oracle hierarchy for small one-way finite automata,
Malek Anabtawi, Sabit Hassan, Christos Kapoutsis, Mohammad Zakzok

MADAR Twitter user dialect identification,
Houda Bouamor, Nizar Habash, Sabit Hassan, Kemal Oflazer

ARAP – Author profiling and its application for market segmentation,
Anis Charfi, Syed Mehdi, Esraa Mohamad

Deception detection in Arabic text, **Anis Charfi, Esraa Mohamad, Syed Mehdi**

Supporting students writing case analysis in information systems and organizational behavior,
Silvia Pessoa, Pia Gomez Laich, Thomas Mitchell, Michael Maune

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