

**Carnegie Mellon University Qatar**

# MEDIA RESOURCES

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# OVERVIEW

## Carnegie Mellon in the heart of the Middle East

In 2004, Carnegie Mellon and Qatar Foundation began a partnership to bring our own unique style of education to Qatar. Students come to Carnegie Mellon to learn, create and innovate with the very best. They leave with the passion, connections, credentials and lifelong friends to help them change the world.

The main campus of Carnegie Mellon is located in Pittsburgh, USA. A private research university, Carnegie Mellon stands among the world's most renowned educational institutions.

## Undergraduate degree programs



## CMU-Q quick facts

- CMU-Q opened its doors in 2004
- Identical graduation requirements as our Pittsburgh campus
- **470+** students
- **38%** of students are Qatari citizens
- **60+** faculty members
- **7:1** student-to-professor ratio
- **16** graduating classes
- **1200+** alumni

## Carnegie Mellon global community

### CMU quick facts

- **14,500+** students
- **120,000+** alumni globally
- **20** Nobel Laureates
- **13** Turing Award winners

### CMU Rankings

- **#1** Management Information Systems  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#2** Computer Science  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#7** Undergraduate Business  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#4** Most Innovative University  
*U.S. News & World Report*
- **#24** University in the World  
*Times Higher Education*

# ABOUT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY IN QATAR



For more than a century, Carnegie Mellon University has challenged the curious and passionate to imagine and deliver work that matters. A private, top-ranked and global university, Carnegie Mellon sets its own course with programs that inspire creativity and collaboration.

In 2004, Carnegie Mellon and Qatar Foundation began a partnership to deliver select programs that will contribute to the long-term development of Qatar. Today, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computer science, and information systems.

More than 1200 students have graduated from CMU-Q since our first class completed studies in 2008. These young professionals are forging their career paths in top organizations within Qatar and around the world.

## Leadership

CMU-Q is led by the dean, who reports to the provost and the president of Carnegie Mellon University.

### **Michael Trick**

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

### **Khaled Harras**

Senior Associate Dean, Faculty  
Teaching Professor, Computer Science

### **Dudley Reynolds**

Senior Associate Dean, Education  
Teaching Professor, English

### **Jennifer Bruder**

Associate Dean, Research  
Associate Teaching Professor, Psychology

### **Kira Dreher**

Associate Dean, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and  
Belonging (DEIB)  
Assistant Teaching Professor, English

### **Fadhel Annan**

Associate Dean,  
Government and Corporate Affairs

### **Dalia Atef Rehal**

Associate Dean for Student Affairs



# CMU-Q student body composition

**470+**

**STUDENT BODY**

**38%** QATARI

**43%** MALE

**57%** FEMALE

**62%** NON-QATARI



## **61** NATIONS REPRESENTED

- |               |             |                          |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Algeria       | Jordan      | Romania                  |
| Australia     | Kazakhstan  | Russia                   |
| Azerbaijan    | Kenya       | Rwanda                   |
| Bahrain       | Kuwait      | Senegal                  |
| Bangladesh    | Kyrgyzstan  | Somalia                  |
| Belarus       | Lebanon     | South Africa             |
| Brazil        | Libya       | South Korea              |
| Canada        | Malaysia    | Sri Lanka                |
| China         | Mexico      | Sudan                    |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Mongolia    | Syria                    |
| Dominica      | Morocco     | Tajikistan               |
| Egypt         | Myanmar     | Tanzania                 |
| Ethiopia      | Nepal       | Tunisia                  |
| France        | Netherlands | Turkey                   |
| Georgia       | Nigeria     | Turkmenistan             |
| Ghana         | Oman        | United Kingdom           |
| India         | Pakistan    | United States of America |
| Indonesia     | Palestine   | Uzbekistan               |
| Iran          | Philippines | Vietnam                  |
| Iraq          | Poland      |                          |
| Italy         | Qatar       |                          |

## CMU-Q alumni

The CMU-Q alumni network extends throughout Qatar and beyond. Our alumni work at top organizations and creative new startups. They are influencing government policy, analyzing big data, spearheading creative projects, educating people, researching new ideas and working to improve the lives of others.



**63**

NATIONALITIES

**5**

CONTINENTS

**16**

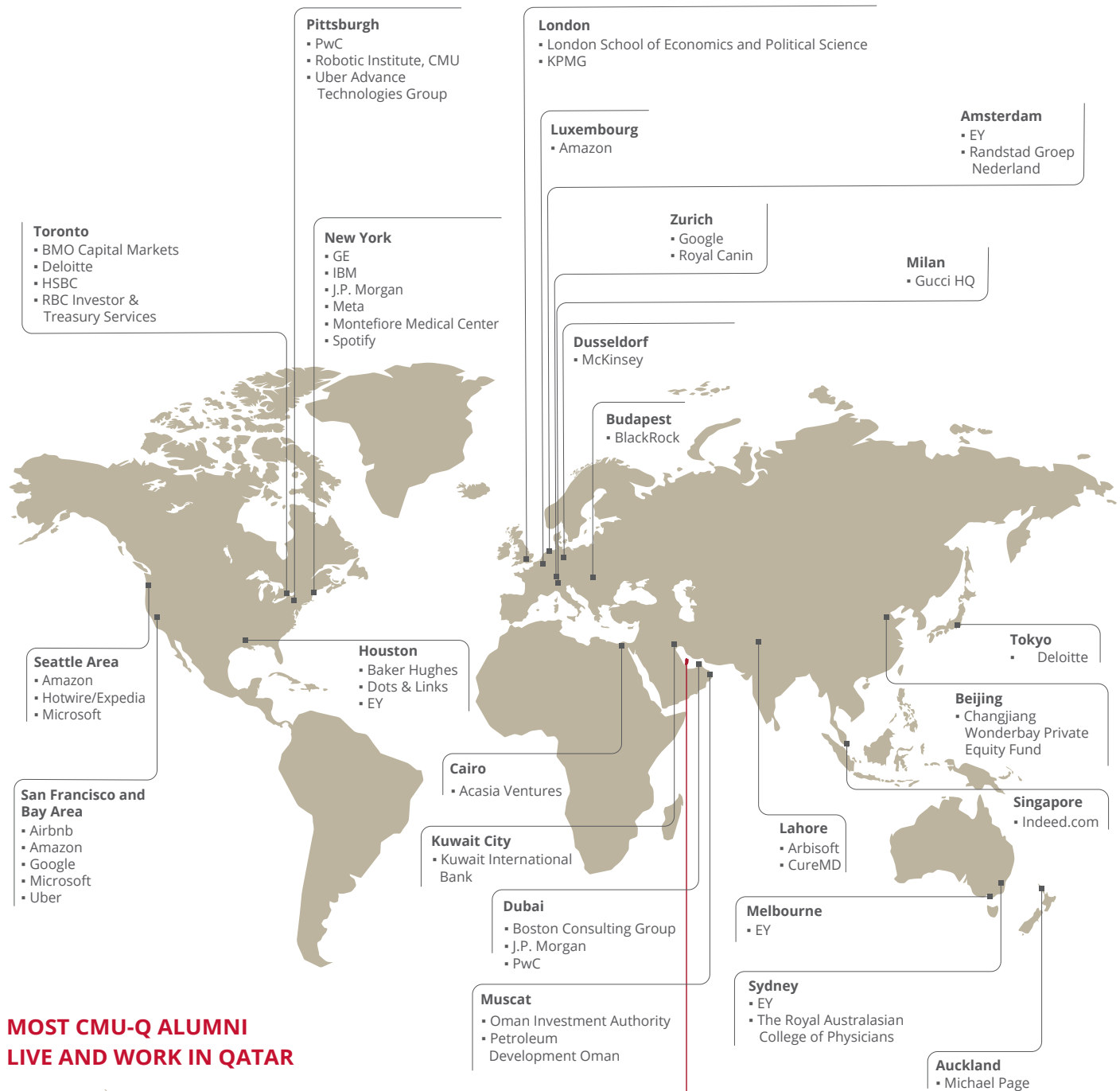
GRADUATING CLASSES

**1,221**

TOTAL ALUMNI



# Alumni map



## MOST CMU-Q ALUMNI LIVE AND WORK IN QATAR



- Abulssa Holding
- Al-Faisal Holding
- Al Jazeera Media Network
- Bain & Company
- Barzan Holdings
- Boston Consulting Group
- EY
- Hilti
- HSBC
- KPMG
- Mada - Assistive Technology Center Qatar
- McKinsey
- Microsoft
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- Ministry of Interior
- Nakilat
- Ooredoo
- PwC
- Qatar Airways
- Qatar Biomedical Research Institute
- Qatar Central Bank
- Qatar Computing Research Institute
- Qatar Development Bank
- QatarEnergy
- Qatar Foundation
- Qatar Investment Authority
- Qatar Museums
- Ooredoo
- PwC
- Qatar Airways
- Qatar Biomedical Research Institute
- Qatar Central Bank
- Qatar Computing Research Institute
- Qatar Development Bank
- QatarEnergy
- Qatar Foundation
- Qatar Investment Authority
- Qatar Museums
- Qatar National Bank
- Qatar National Library
- Qatar Olympic Committee
- Qatar Shell
- Qatar University
- Roland Berger
- Sidra Medicine
- Siemens Qatar
- Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy



## OUR FACULTY

CMU-Q faculty members are experts in their fields and dedicated to undergraduate education. Faculty members provide individualized attention and focused instruction so that all students can reach their full potential.

Research is at the core of Carnegie Mellon and touches nearly every corner of the university. In this tradition, CMU-Q nurtures and develops opportunities for faculty members to build regionally relevant research programs in their areas of expertise.

Most faculty members contribute to the CMU-Q body of work through studies funded by the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) and internal seed research grants.

### Areas of expertise

With roughly 60 faculty members, CMU-Q has expertise in a wide variety of fields, including our major programs of biological sciences, business administration, computer science, and information systems. As well, faculty members in the arts and sciences are experts in a diverse set of disciplines, including history, physics, psychology and statistics.



# Our experts

CMU-Q has faculty experts in a wide variety of fields. To learn more about the many areas of expertise our faculty can comment on, please visit: [www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources/areas-of-expertise](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources/areas-of-expertise)



## Iman Adeinat

Associate Teaching Proessor,  
Operations Management

**Areas of expertise:** Logistics and supply chain in the Gulf region

**Languages:** English, Arabic

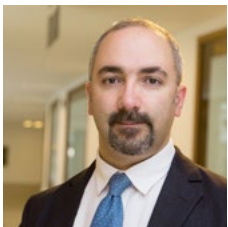


## Fuad Farooqi

Area Head, Business  
Administration  
Teaching Professor,  
Finance

**Areas of expertise:** Islamic banking, global finance

**Languages:** English, Urdu



## Chadi Aoun

Teaching Professor,  
Information Systems

**Areas of expertise:** Sustainability management, smart cities,  
green information systems, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

**Languages:** English, Arabic

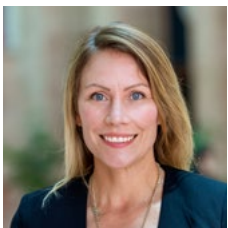


## Maher Hakim

Distinguished Career Professor,  
Business Administration

**Areas of expertise:** Entrepreneurship

**Languages:** English



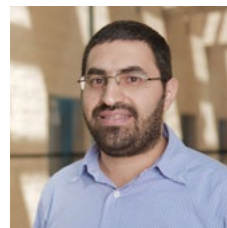
## Jennifer Bruder

Associate Dean, Research

Associate Teaching Professor,  
Psychology

**Areas of expertise:** Cognitive psychology, environmental  
psychology, neurodevelopmental disorders (dyslexia, autism,  
ADHD, dyscalculia)

**Languages:** English, German

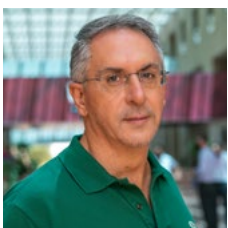


## Mohammad Hammoud

Associate Teaching Professor,  
Computer Science

**Areas of expertise:** Artificial intelligence, health care,  
entrepreneurship

**Languages:** English, Arabic

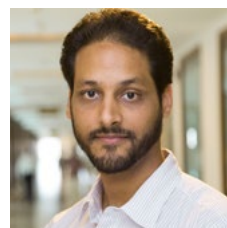


## Gianni Di Caro

Associate Teaching Professor,  
Computer Science

**Areas of expertise:** Artificial Intelligence, machine learning,  
autonomous robotics, multi-robot systems, human-robot  
interaction, swarm intelligence and swarm robotics, bio-inspired  
computing, optimization

**Languages:** English, Italian, French



## Khaled Harras

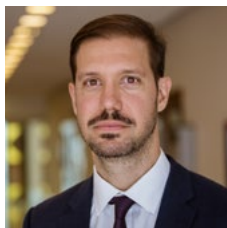
Senior Associate Dean, Faculty

Teaching Professor,  
Computer Science

**Areas of expertise:** The Internet of Things, computer networking,  
distributed systems, mobile and pervasive computing

**Languages:** English, Arabic

## Our experts (continued)

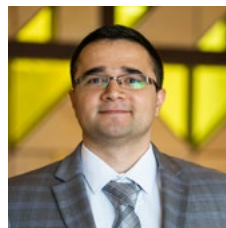


**Agustín Indaco**

Assistant Teaching Professor,  
Economics

**Areas of expertise:** Big data, applied microeconomics, climate change, sports economics

**Languages:** English, Spanish



**Veli Safak**

Assistant Teaching Professor,  
Economics

**Areas of expertise:** Macroeconomics, digital assets, investing

**Languages:** English, Turkish



**Deepa Nair**

Assistant Teaching Professor,  
History

**Areas of expertise:** History, politics and culture of South Asia

**Languages:** English, Hindi, Malayalam

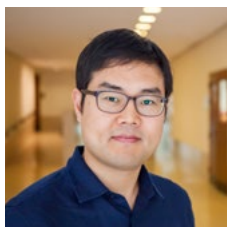


**Nui Vatanasakdakul**

Associate Teaching Professor,  
Information Systems

**Areas of expertise:** Information systems adoption, social commerce, innovation and tech entrepreneurship, culture in information systems research, global information systems, sustainability and green IS

**Languages:** English, Thai

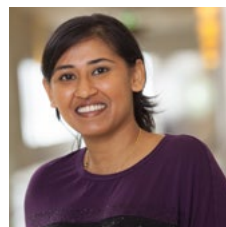


**Taeyong Park**

Assistant Teaching Professor,  
Statistics

**Areas of expertise:** Applied statistics for social science data, computational data analysis, American political behavior, Korean politics

**Languages:** English, Korean, Programming language R

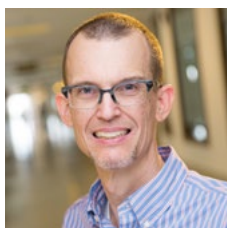


**Annette Vincent**

Teaching Professor,  
Biological Sciences

**Areas of expertise:** Diversity in higher education, bacteriophages, microbiology, metagenomics, women in science

**Languages:** English

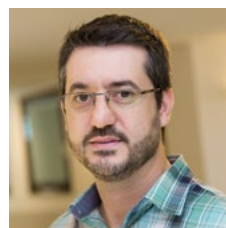


**Dudley Reynolds**

Senior Associate Dean, Education  
Teaching Professor, English

**Areas of expertise:** Educational and non-profit association leadership, English as an additional language, teacher education, language education policy, multilingualism

**Languages:** English, Spanish



**Ihab Younis**

Area Head, Biological Sciences  
Associate Teaching Professor,  
Biological Sciences

**Areas of expertise:** Molecular biology, genetics and personalized medicine

**Languages:** English, Arabic



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## How many undergraduate degrees are offered at CMU-Q?

There are four undergraduate degrees offered at CMU-Q. All degree programs require four years of full-time study. Students who successfully complete their degree requirements receive bachelor of science degrees conferred from the campus in Pittsburgh, USA.

### **Biological Sciences**

Biological Sciences students at CMU-Q do more than study science: they learn to follow their curiosity, explore hypotheses, and contribute in a meaningful way as young scientists and researchers.

### **Business Administration**

Business Administration students at CMU-Q learn quantitative decision making, our pioneering approach to undergraduate business education. With an emphasis on analytics and leadership development, students are prepared for the challenges of the global business landscape.

### **Computer Science**

Computer Science students at CMU-Q are studying the world-class curriculum of Carnegie Mellon's School of Computer Science, learning both the theoretical foundations and the practical experience to push the frontiers of the field and make a real-world impact.

### **Information Systems**

Information Systems students learn to design, deliver and use information and communication technologies to solve problems for companies, governments, and society.

## Why have a campus in Qatar?

At the invitation of Qatar Foundation, Carnegie Mellon University established a campus in Qatar in 2004 because we believe that education is a powerful bridge between cultures. Since the beginning, Carnegie Mellon's presence in Qatar has played a key role in advancing the educational sector and it has been integral as Qatar transforms itself into a knowledge-based economy. Qatar is a growing nation and transforming at great speed. CMU-Q students play an active role in shaping Qatar through research, outreach activities and assuming leadership roles when they graduate.



## How does the Qatar campus fit into Carnegie Mellon University's global vision?

As a global leader in education, Carnegie Mellon University is known for its creativity, research, collaboration across disciplines, and top programs in business, technology and the arts. The university has been home to some of the world's most important thinkers, among them 20 Nobel Laureates and 13 Turing Award winners. CMU-Q, as with all Carnegie Mellon campuses globally, is dedicated to preparing the next generation of thinkers, entrepreneurs, business leaders, researchers and scientists that will change the world.



## Do students in Qatar get the same education and academic programs offered on the Pittsburgh campus?

The admission standards and curricula at CMU-Q are the same as those in the US. We have focused areas of study in Qatar, offering degree programs in biological sciences, business administration, computer science and information systems. Graduates earn degrees that are identical to those awarded at our main campus in Pittsburgh.

At the Qatar campus, we have small class sizes that provide unparalleled access to faculty members, as well as state-of-the-art facilities. We strongly encourage students on this campus to spend a semester studying in Pittsburgh, and we always welcome Pittsburgh students to study here. The two campuses are different in many ways and it enriches the educational experience to learn in a new environment.



## What does Qatari enrollment look like?

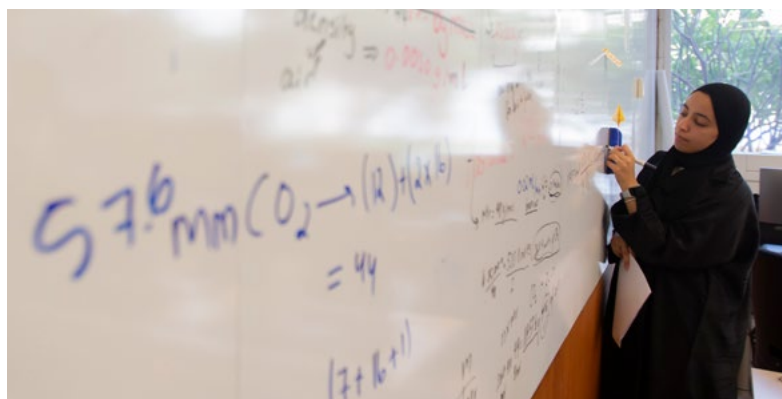
Our partnership with QF encourages us to maximize our Qatari enrollment while maintaining a challenging and diverse classroom environment. In the 2023-24 academic year, 38% of CMU-Q students are Qatari citizens.



## What is the ranking and accreditation of CMU?

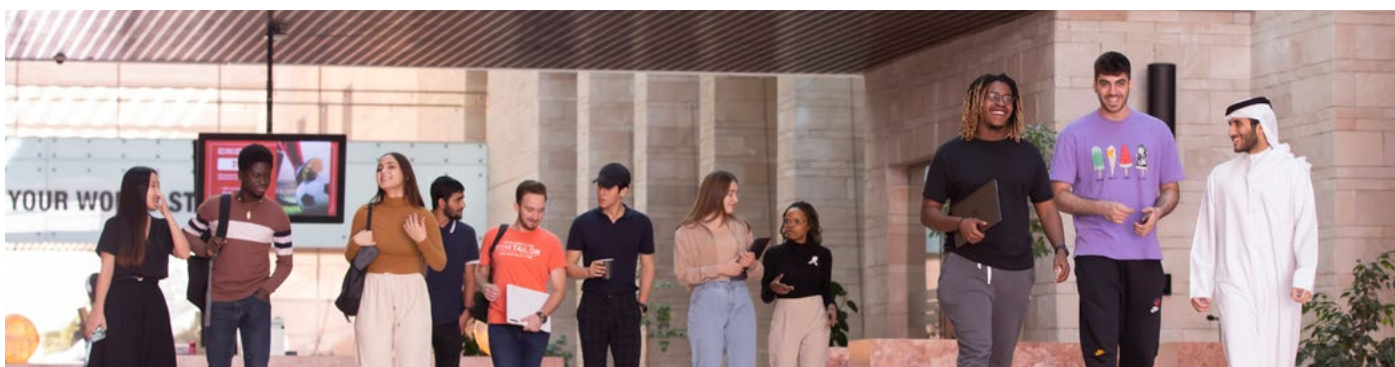
Carnegie Mellon University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. We have included some relevant rankings within the Media Resources package, but these are just a few of the overall CMU rankings.

Please see [www.cmu.edu/about/rankings](http://www.cmu.edu/about/rankings) for a full list.



## When are applications due and what does the admission process look like?

The deadline for admission to each fall semester is January 15. Carnegie Mellon evaluates applications holistically, which means we do not determine if a student is admitted based on a single grade or test score. Instead, we undergo a complete review of all secondary school grades, optional standardized test results, recommendation letters, the personal essay and an optional personal interview before we make a final admission decision.







## LEARN MORE ABOUT CMU-Q

### Website

CMU-Q: [www.qatar.cmu.edu](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu)

CMU: [www.cmu.edu](http://www.cmu.edu)

### Media Resources

We welcome members of the media to contact our team. We would be pleased to assist you with obtaining materials, contacting an expert, or learning more about CMU-Q. See specific resources for the media at:

[www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu/about-us/media-resources)

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