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Welcome to the first issue of *The Graduate Times* – the Official Newsletter of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) at UAEU. As many of you know, we offer a broad range of graduate programs with an enrollment of over 1200 graduate students at Master and Doctorate levels.

UAEU aspires to be the University of the Future with more focus on research and graduate studies. This means it will be essential to substantially expand and strengthen our graduate education (Master & Doctorate). While we have been steadily growing graduate student enrollment, we are also being more selective, admitting the best and brightest students nationally and internationally. Growth of our graduate programs is leading to more achievements in research by our graduate students. We are also organizing more events to enrich our student's learning experience; and offering more services to help our students succeed.

The main goals of *The Graduate Times* are to:

Highlight outstanding accomplishments of our graduate students and alumni. This includes granted patents, published refereed journal publications, international conference presentations, awards obtained at international and national events, research and training experience at international institutions, and successful employment in different organizations. These achievements are a reflection of our strong faculty, talented students, and high quality academic programs.

Introduce you to our new graduate programs, initiatives, events and services. To meet national and market needs, we regularly review and enhance our existing programs, and create new programs in emerging areas. We have recently created the PhD program in Law and extended offering of Master of Education program in Dubai. There are also a number of new programs in the pipeline such as MSc in Space Science, MSc in Nutrition & Dietetics, and PhD programs in several disciplines. We also started the PhD Teaching Academy and Graduate Student Research and Innovation Competition. To better serve our students, we are trying to enhance our existing services and launch new initiatives (i.e. new fellowship award) to improve student success. Moreover, through various events on-campus and off-campus, we are trying to enhance student professional development to enrich their learning experience, and to help them network and interact with each other.

There is so much going on to make UAEU a better place for our students to learn and grow. I hope you take advantage of all that we offer you.



Patents

Dr. Hanifa Al Blooshi
 PhD Alumni
 College of Engineering
On Biodiesel Production



Areen Allataifeh
 PhD Student
 College of Engineering
On Self-biased Sensing Device and Methods of Fabricating and Operating Same

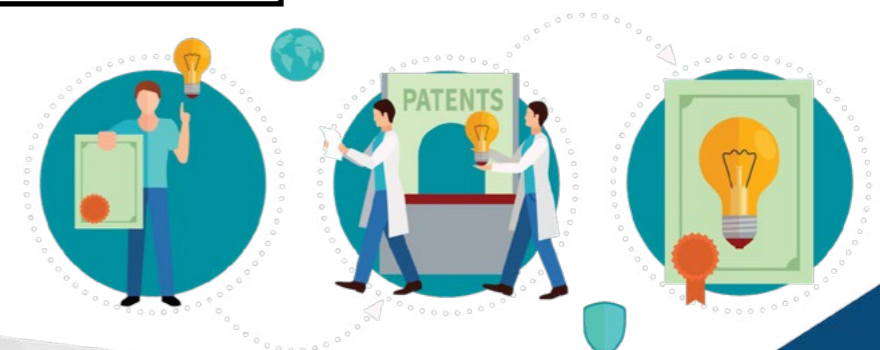


Dr. Ismail El Haty
 PhD Alumni
 College of Science
On Thymoquinone Derivatives for the Treatment of Cancer





Salem Alyalyali
 PhD Student
 College of Food & Agriculture
On Date Pit Composition for the Treatment of Animals

Number of Patents by PhD Students = 4




AWARDS

Fedah Emad Mohamed
(PhD Student, Medicine & Health Sciences)

L'Oreal-UNESCO Award in 2017 for her research in establishing the cellular mechanisms of missense mutations underlying GM1gangliosidosis, and evaluating several pharmaceutical chaperones and proteostasis regulators as novel therapeutics.



L'Oreal- UNESCO "For Women in Science" Middle East Fellowships Awards



Dr. Hanifa Al Blooshi
(PhD Alumna, College of Engineering)

L'Oreal-UNESCO Award in 2016 for her research on "Designing a new novel system for enzymatic biodiesel production" as novel therapeutics.




Emmanuel Galiwango
(PhD Student, College of Engineering)

- 7th International Congress on Biofuels & Bioenergy, Toronto, **Canada**, Oct 2017. Award: **One of the Best Posters**.
- Emirates Centre for Energy and Environment Innovation Week, UAEU, Award: **2nd Best Innovative Idea**, Graduate Student Category, Feb 2018.
- UAEU College of Engineering Innovation and Creativity Competition, Feb 2018. Awards: **Best Presentation (1st Place)** and **3rd Best Innovative Idea**.



Youssef Abdelfattah
(MSc in Mechanical Engineering)

Best Paper Award

International Conference of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering in Penang, **Malaysia** (Nov 2017)

Asma Hassani
(PhD Student, Medicine & Health Sciences)

Falling Walls Lab Competition (3rd Place) hosted at UAEU in 2018

Dr. Nadia Hussain
(PhD Alumna, Medicine & Health Sciences)

Best Paper/Graduate Studies Conference, March 2015

Amna Khamis Al Nakhi
(DBA Student, College of Business & Economics)

- ◆ **Middle East Women Leadership Award**, October 2018.
- ◆ Awarded **Global Women Leaders Hall of Fame** in December 2017 by Sheikh Juma AlMaktoom at the 5th edition of **SAMEAWS** (South America, Middle East, & Africa - Women Summit) for efforts towards Sustainable Development Growth and Social Economic Responsibility, acknowledged by Amazon Watch Magazine.



Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Excellence Awards in 2017

Master of Engineering Management Students:

- ◆ Wadima Rames Amer Al Ameri
- ◆ Fatima Rames Amer Al Ameri



Amna Khamis Al Nakhi

Nermin Mahmoud Eisaa
(PhD Student, College of Medicine and Health Sciences)

Young Investigator Award (3rd place) in International Conference (47th Meeting of the European Histamine Research Society) in Trinity Dublin College, **Ireland**, June 2018.



Published Article as 1st Author in *Nature Genetics* in 2017

Dr. Nadia Akawi, (PhD Alumna, Medicine & Health Sciences)

AWARDS

Afra Atiq Juma Nasib

(PhD Student, College of Humanities and Social Sciences)

- **Award at Culture Summit** - Abu Dhabi, April 2018. This award was to honor the selected of the artists in residence at the Culture Summit Abu Dhabi.
- **Gulf Capital ADMAF Creativity Award**, March 2017. First Emirati Poet to ever win this award. This award is presented annually for outstanding artistic, creative work for Emirati youth. Afra was awarded for a poetic piece called "An Open Letter to Cancer". This was the first time a text and performance based artwork won the award.



Afra Atiq
1st Emirati Poet to
ever win ADMAF
Award



Nancy Kachouh

(PhD Student, College of Engineering)

ACI (American Concrete Institute) Middle East Fellowship (MENA) for the 2019-2020 academic year. Awarded to graduate students in construction, design, education, or materials programs. **Canada**, 2019.



Amaria Javed

(PhD Student, College of Science)

1st Position in Presentation & Best Poster
2018 Asian Universities Alliance Postgraduate Academic Forum hosted by Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.



Basam Dahy

(PhD Student, College of Science)

Student Award from Institution of Geospatial and Remote Sensing (IGRSM) for presenting at the 39th edition of **Asian Conference of Remote Sensing in Malaysia**, October 2018.



Maryam Saeed

(PhD Student, College of Education)

Best Paper and Oral Presentation

International Conference on Social Science, Arts, Business and Education, Venice, Italy, August 2017



Urwa Tariq

(PhD Student, College of Humanities & Social Sciences)

Winner of "Happy' Eat Robust Diner Restaurant" Entrepreneurship Award
College of Food and Agriculture Week, UAEU, 2017



Zahi Mohamed Omer

(PhD Student, College of Engineering)

- **Chancellor's Innovation Award**—Renewable Energy Faculty (**1st Place**), November 2015
- **Product Development and Marketing Design Competition** (**1st Place**), October 2015

Asma Saeed Ahmed Saleh Khahail

(Master of Education Student, College of Education)

Winning Award for Recycling Project
from Municipality in 2015

Emad Hanna Dababneh

(PhD Student, Medicine and Health Sciences)

One of Best SEHA Employees, 2014





INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Feras Mohammad Al Salem

(PhD Student, College of Science)



- Participation in the **World Engineering Forum** in Rome, **Italy**, as an invited delegate and member of the Energy Committee and the YEFL (Young Engineers and Future Leaders) Committee (2017).
- Being part of the Kuwait Society of Engineers State representing team. Participation with the Ministry of Electricity and Water in **Kuwait** during the **World Water Day Event** and in the **GCC Energy Strategy Forum**, 2017.

Zeina Al Mahairi

(PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences)

- Welcome Genome Campus Advanced Course: Next Generation Sequencing Bioinformatics, **Welcome Genome/Sanger institute**, Hinxton, **Cambridge, UK**, October 2018.
- **Golden Helix Summer School**: Cancer Genomics and Individualized Therapy, Golden helix Foundation, **London, UK**, September 2016.

Navomy George

(PhD Student, College of Food and Agriculture)

Analysis of Dates (Phoenix dactylifera) Dietary fibers (worked in **Swedish University of Agriculture Sciences**, Sweden, from May- June 2018).

Wafaa Mohammed Elzaatar

(PhD Student, College of Education)

Presenting in the 7th International Congress on Education and Learning in **Paris Diderot University, France** in July 2018.

Hanadi Abdulrahman

(PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences)

Welcome Genome Campus Advanced Course: Derivation and Culture of Human Induces Pluripotent Stem Cells (HiPSCs), **Welcome Genome/Sanger institute**, Hinxton, **Cambridge, UK**, December 2017.

Shaimaa Mahmoud

(PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences)

- Attending a two week practical course in "Advances in sequence technology" in **Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, USA**, Nov 2018.
- Oral Presentation & Participation in **ECCMID** (European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases), **Madrid, Spain**, April 2018.

Emad Hanna Dababneh

(PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences)



Regional Trainer for American Heart Association (AHA)

– Trained Life Support courses accredited by AHA in **Oman, Bahrain, Lebanon** (2018) and in **Kuwait** (2017).

Fedah Emad Mohamed

(PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences)

Training in laboratory of Prof. Frances Platt, Department of Pharmacology, **University of Oxford, UK**, June-August, 2018.

Fatima Hasan Ali Al Alawadi

(PhD Student, Mathematical Sciences, College of Science)

Helsinki Summer School on Mathematical Ecology and Evolution 2018, **Turku, Finland**, 19-26 August 2018.

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- **Golden Helix Summer School**: Cancer Genomics and Individualized Therapy, Golden helix Foundation, **London, UK**, September 2016.

Asma Saeed Ahmed Saleh Khahail

(Master of Education Student, College of Education)

- Training certificate for joining the **ASCD** (Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development) **Conference, Boston, USA**, with MOE Certification Program in USA by visiting schools and universities of USA, in 2018.
- Training certificate for joining the Singaporean Educational Experience with **SPARK** (Singapore Preschool Accreditation Framework) **Certification Program** in **Singapore** by visiting schools and universities of Singapore, in 2016.

Amal Omar Bin Alawi

(MSc in Clinical Psychology, College of Humanities & Social Sciences)



Attending the 2nd **International Conference on Clinical and Counseling Psychology** and presenting research poster about *Integrating Counseling, Health and Wellness Services in an Arab Context: Strategies, Challenges and Rewards*, in **Osaka, Japan**, 16th-17th October, 2017.

French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Université de Strasbourg Research, France

Following PhD Students from College of Medicine & Health Sciences received training in the laboratory of Dr. Roland Marquet at CNRS:

Fathima Nagoor Pitchai (in 2018)

Akhil Chameettachal (in 2018)

Suriya Akhtar (in 2016)



Fatima Al Alawadi



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



Urwa Tariq

Urwa Tariq

(PhD Student, College of Humanities and Social Sciences)

International Seminar for Young Scholars on Economic Issues (27 scholars selected out of 500 applications) organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, **Beijing, China**, 19 August -20 September 2018. At the seminar, **Urwa** represented UAEU and made a joint presentation on ‘UAE and China on Belt and Road Initiative’ and importance of micro Financing and role of media in reducing poverty in developing nations.

Afra Atiq Juma Nasib

(PhD Student, College of Humanities and Social Sciences)

- Participated in the **Portrait of a Nation** organized by Abu Dhabi Music and Art Foundation in Berlin, **Germany** in Oct 2017.
- Speaker at **GUST GELL Conference, Kuwait**, 14-15 March 2018. Hosted by Gulf University of Science and Technology.



A PhD Student's Experience

Ameera Mohammad

First PhD student to be enrolled in a Dual degree PhD program UAEU and KU Leuven

I am a PhD student in the Chemical Engineering Department at UAEU, and working as a Research Assistant for an external project with ADNOC Refining Center, Abu Dhabi. I was recently admitted as a pre-doctorate student to the Chemical Engineering Department of the KU Leuven (KUL), Belgium. I am planning to begin a Dual PhD degree (KUL- UAEU). In June 2019, I had a wonderful visit to KUL, where I completed my examinations for the pre-doctoral period and passed my research proposal. I passed all the requirements and eagerly anticipate being admitted to the doctoral program at KUL for the next semester, commencing September 2019. During my visit to KUL, I met with my second advisor, Prof. Bart Van der Bruggen, and discussed my research progress at UAEU, gaining insight from his vast experience. I visited the Chemical Engineering Department labs and conducted several experiments under the auspicious supervision of my advisor and his lab engineers. I believe the Dual PhD Degree between KUL and UAEU will be an incredible opportunity for PhD students at both universities, exposing them to wonderful international experiences that will help them broaden their knowledge and enhance their research skills. It is my wish to see the Dual PhD program between UAEU and KUL become successful and be adopted by both administrative and academic units at both universities since the benefit is extraordinary for PhD students.



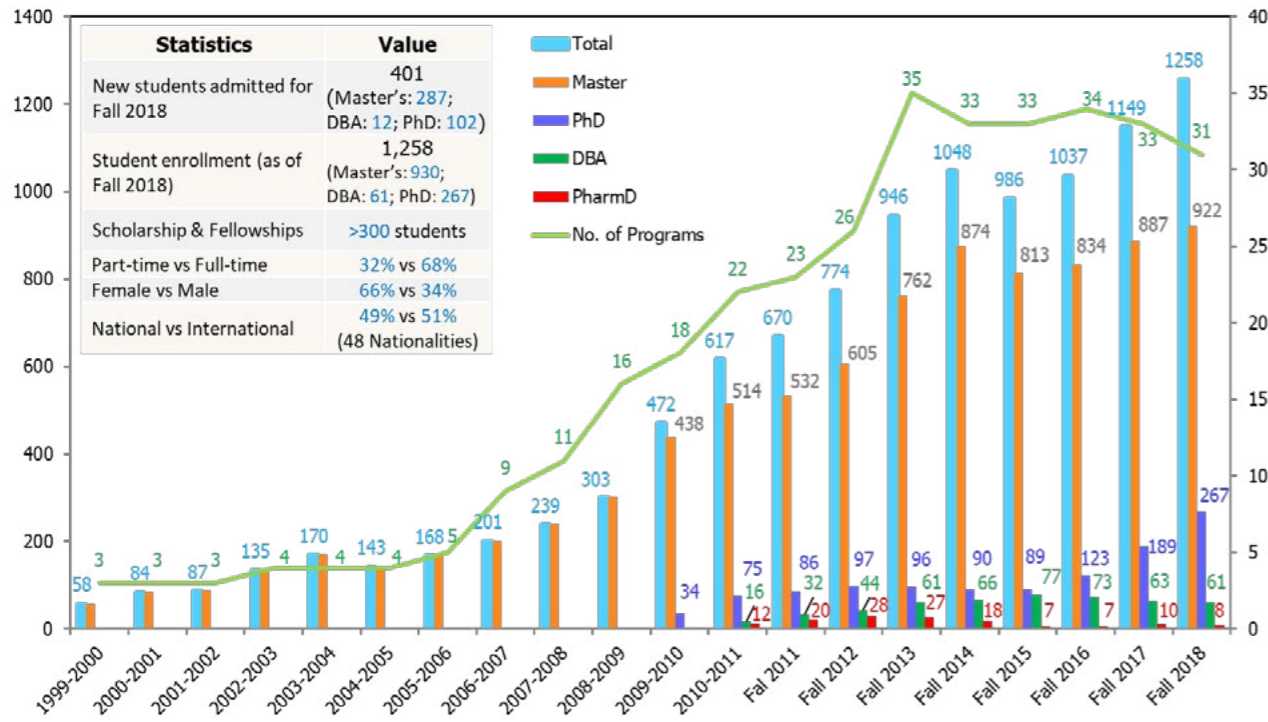
Ameera Mohammad



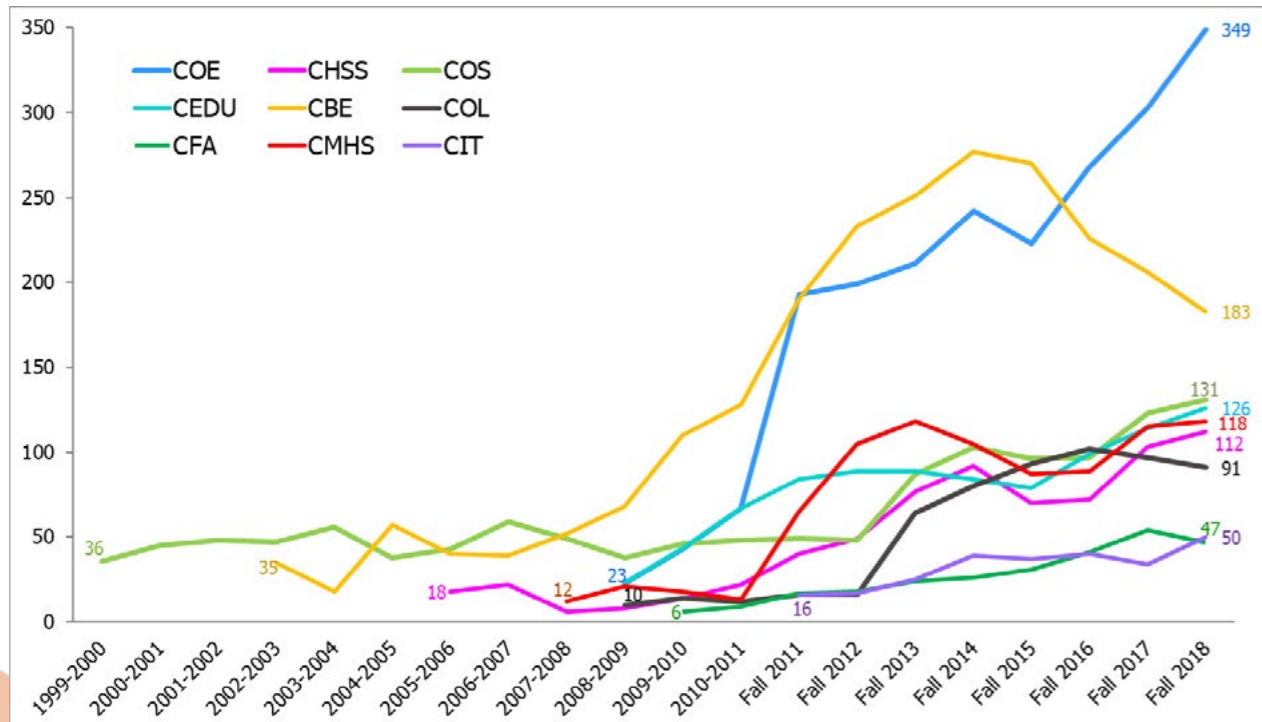
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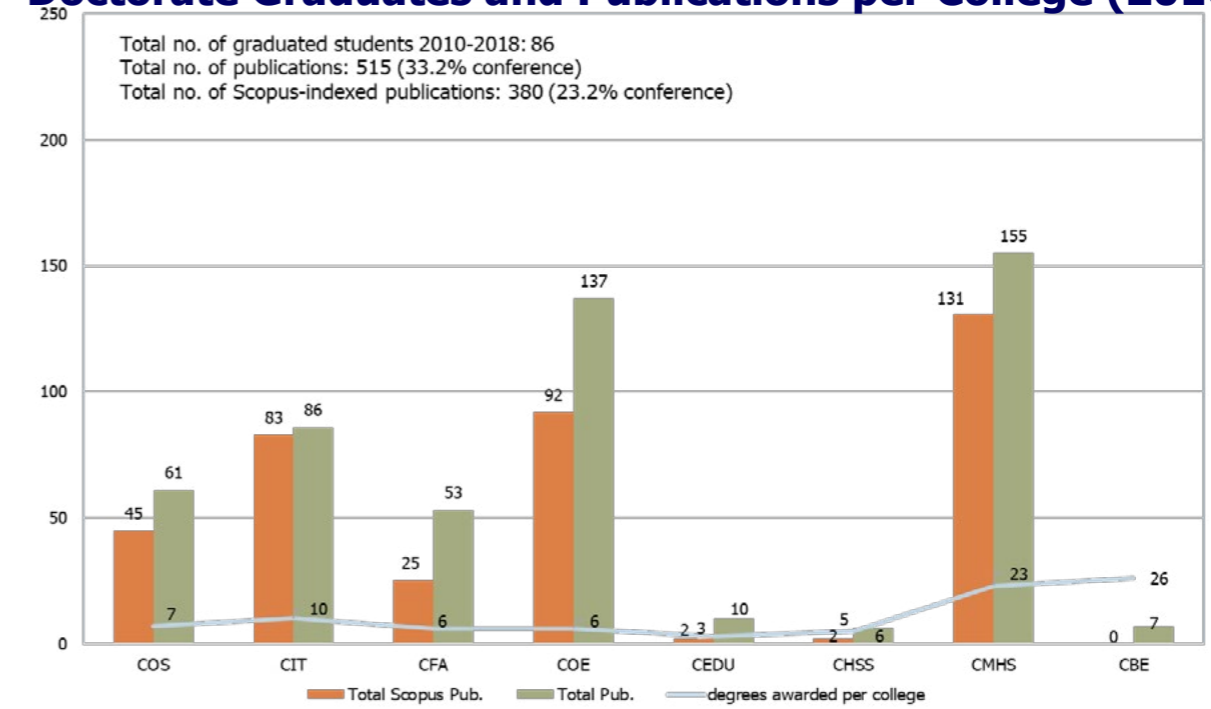
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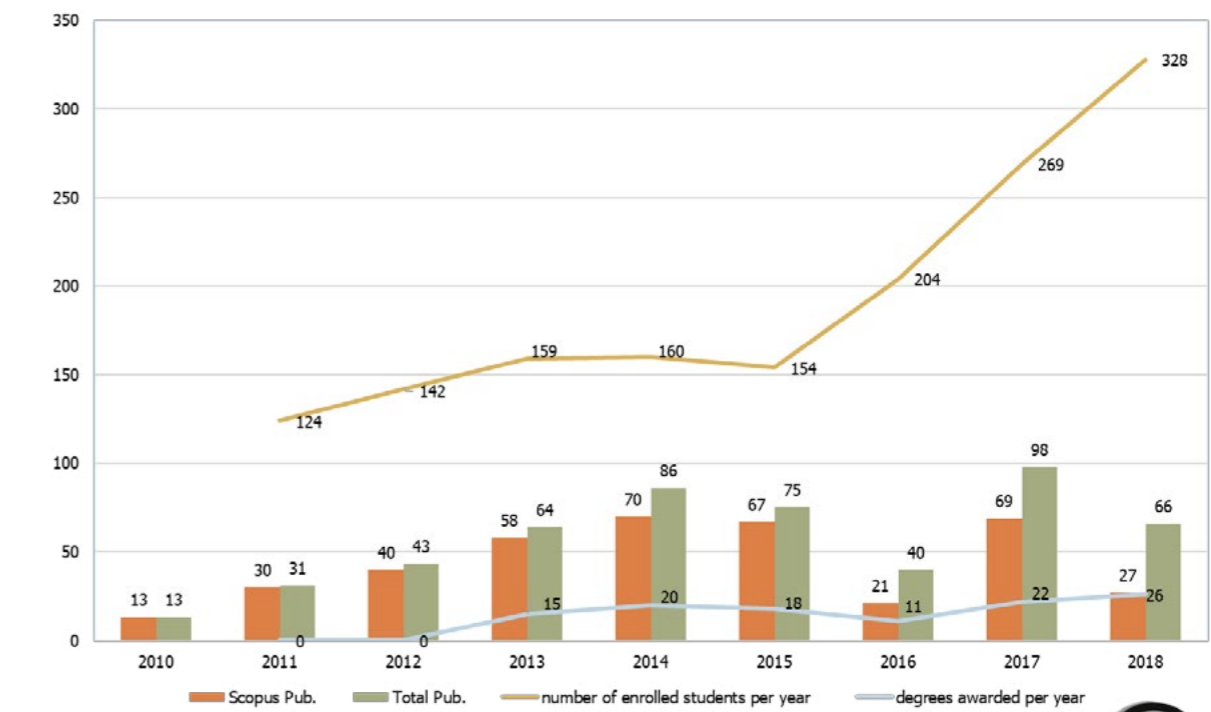
Graduate Student Enrolment History



Doctorate Graduates and Publications per College (2010-2018)



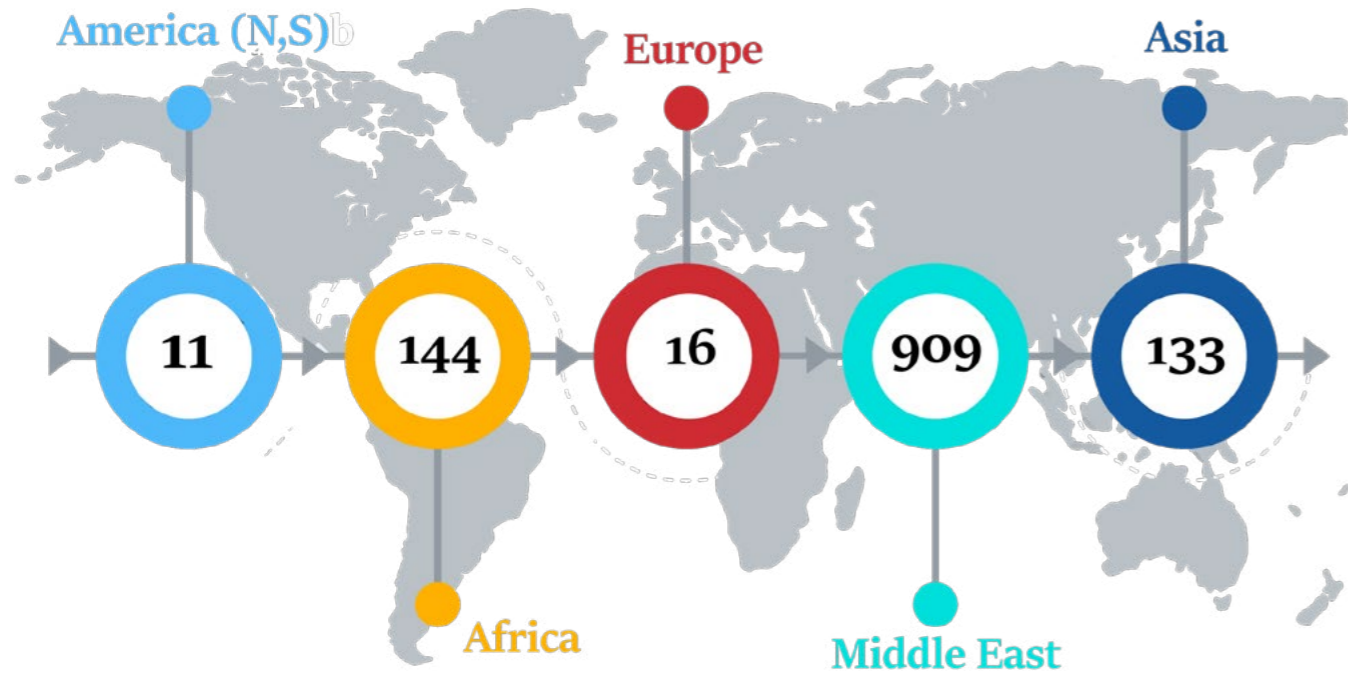
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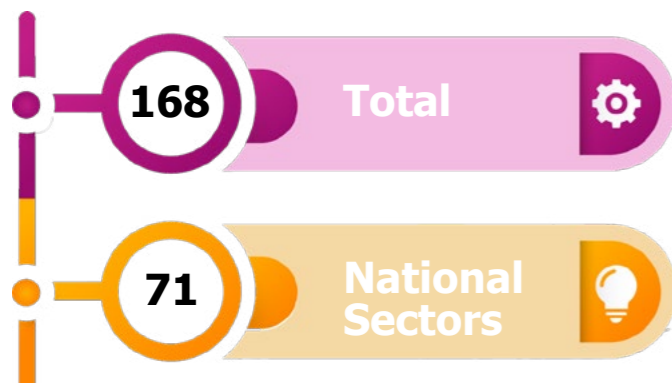
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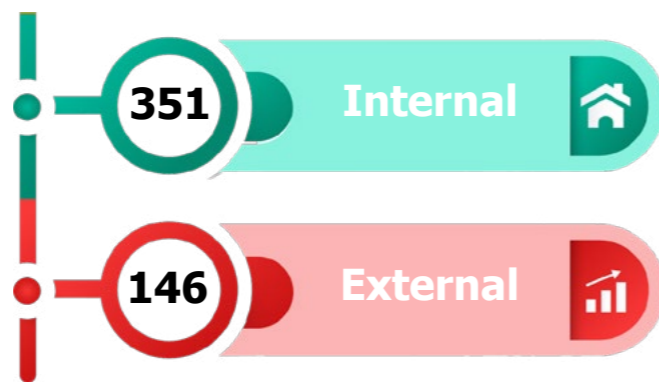
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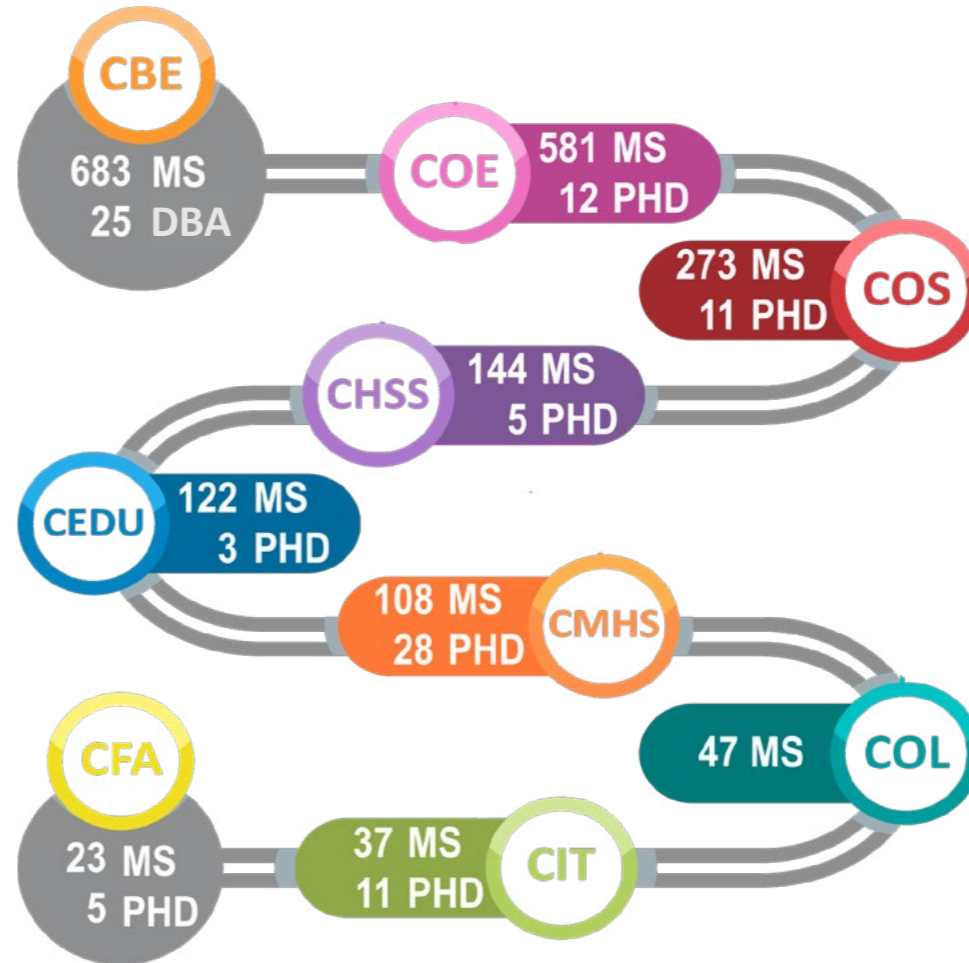
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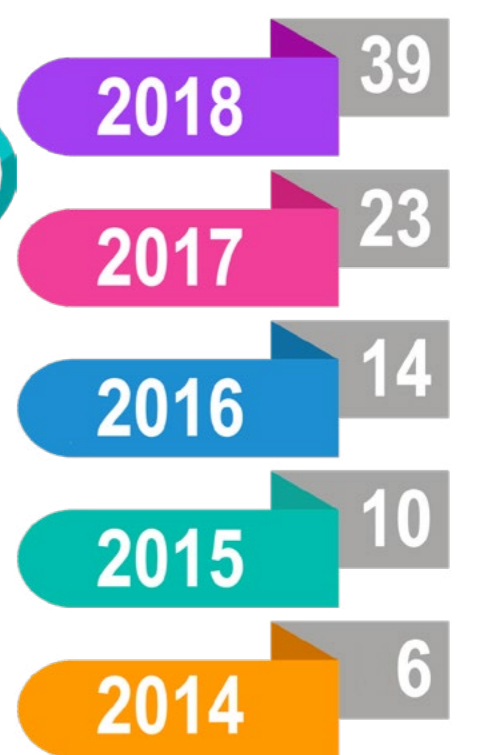
Financial Support to Graduate Students - 2018



Number of Graduates by Colleges (1992-2018)



Development Services



COE	College of Engineering
COS	College of Science
CBE	College of Business & Economics
CHSS	College of Humanities & Social Sciences
CHMS	College of Medicine & Health Sciences
CIT	College of Information Technology
CFA	College of Food & Agriculture
CEDU	College of Education
COL	College of Law



SOME UAEU Doctorate Alumni

Dr. Fahad Al Taffaq
UAE Ambassador to Nigeria
CBE Spring 2019

Dr. Rauda Al Saadi
Director General
Abu Dhabi Smart Solutions & Services Authority
COE Spring 2015

Dr. Amer Ahmad Sharif
CEO
Dubai Healthcare City Authority
CMHS Fall 2016

Dr. Nouf Al Hawai
Senior Succession Planning Manager
Dubai Airports
CBE Spring 2019

Dr. Dalal Al Shamsi
Assistant Professor
United Arab Emirates University
COS Spring 2014

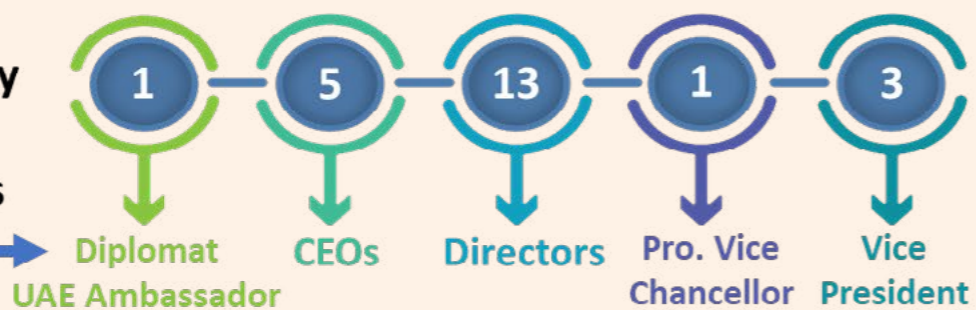
Dr. Mubarak Al Khaili
Director
Al Ain Municipality
CFA Spring 2019

Dr. Hanifa Taher
Assistant Professor
Khalifa University
COE Spring 2014

Dr. Bakheet Al Katheeri
CEO
Mubadala Petroleum
CBE Spring 2016



How many of these graduates are?



SOME UAEU Doctorate Alumni

Dr. Ahmed Mansoori
Assistant Professor
United Arab Emirates University
CHSS Fall 2017

Dr. Nadia Akawi
Senior Postdoctoral Fellow
John Radcliffe Oxford University Hospital, UK
CMHS Fall 2013

Dr. Mohammed Al Maqbali
Pro Vice-Chancellor
Sohar University, Oman
CBE Fall 2017

Dr. Mona Aljanahi
Instructor
United Arab Emirates University
CEDU Spring 2017

Dr. Khamis Alzahmi
Vice President
Etisalat, Abu Dhabi
CBE Fall 2018

Dr. Lina Al Kury
Assistant Professor
Zayed University, Abu Dhabi
CMHS Spring 2014

Dr. Hadi AlBadi
Vice President
Health, Safety and Environment, TAQA
CBE Spring 2019

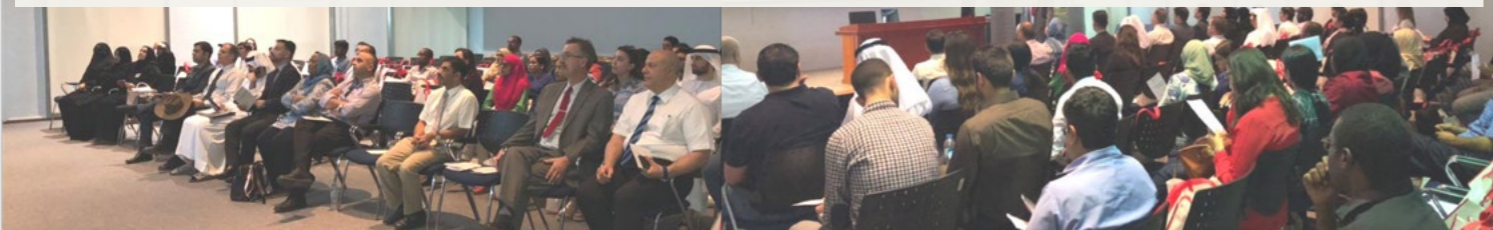
Dr. Rima Jabado
Fisheries Expert
Ministry Of Environment and Water, UAE
COS Spring 2014



NEW PH.D. STUDENTS ORIENTATION FALL 2018 (24 SEPT 2018)



New PhD Students Orientation is an important event for the PhD students and the university. Students are in an entirely new environment taking on a new challenge. Prof. Ali Al-Marzouqi, Acting Dean of the College of Graduate studies opened the event and welcomed the new PhD students. Dr. Ahmed Mansoori, one of the PhD Alumni from College of Humanities & Social Sciences, gave a speech about his journey throughout the PhD program and advised the new students on how to be successful in their program.



Milestones of a student's journey in a doctorate program at UAEU were presented by Ms. Amal Al Hassani, Head of the Student Affairs Section in College of Graduate Studies. In this event, the new students met their supervisors and classmates to know each other and get some guidance on how to begin their research.



PhD Students Teaching Academy Program

PhD Students Teaching Academy Program is a blended program developed to prepare selected and qualified PhD students to start a teaching career in academia. The program allows UAEU PhD students to learn how to manage large and small classes and gain hands-on experience with a range of teaching and learning



pedagogies, instructional technologies, and best practices in teaching, The program is designed and implemented collaboratively by the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) and the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), and the colleges under the auspices of the Division of Academic Affairs (Provost).

The program was launched in Spring 2019. The very first cohort (on left) started their class on February 26, 2019, at CIT Building, following a welcome speech by Prof. Ali Al Marzouqi, Acting Dean of CGS (below) and CETL Director Prof. Hassan Selim.



CGS International Day

Graduate Students International Day is an exciting day for students and colleges. The event is held to celebrate the rich diversity of graduate students coming from 48 different nationalities. On the 13th of Nov 2018, CGS held its 2nd annual Graduate Students International



Day. The event provided opportunities for the graduate students to have a chance to meet other students from their home countries and other nationalities as well, to bring in family members and enjoy a cultural day together, and to taste an international cuisine from different parts of the world. It was a colorful vibrant afternoon with graduate students representing their countries and culture by wearing traditional dresses, setting up booths with dishes and decorations they brought in, and performing variety of cultural



performances such as dances, songs and activities engaging the audience.

About 13 countries participated at this event and performed for the visitors. Some of the popular dishes that were cooked by the students were the Iranian dish *Tahchin*, the Sudani dish *Mullah tagalia with Aseeda*, the Pakistani dish *Biryani*, the Yemeni dish *Mutabbaq*, and freshly cooked Chickness *Dumplings*. Recipes for two of these dishes are in the following pages. Different dishes from Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Oman, and India were also available for everyone to enjoy.



The event was lively, active with shows and dances, which made it more special. There was a large number of attendees and competitions of different themes. Even school children from Al Ain attended and performed contributing to a rich cultural day full of excitement for everyone to cherish.



Recipe

Tahchin

Tahchin is a popular Iranian savoury rice cake dish of saffron-infused rice layered with a kind of meat (or vegetable), yogurt and eggs. There are different kinds of Tahchins based on the ingredient which is layered with rice. The most popular Tahchin among Iranians is made with shredded chicken, and the other kinds such as beef, spinach or eggplant Tahchin are not widely known. The word Tahchin literally means “placed at the bottom” and refers to the rice layer placed at the bottom of the dish, which results in a crunchy outer crust.

By: **Sadieh Khosravi, MSc in Environmental Sciences, COS**

Tachin Ingredients

- 3 cups par-cooked rice
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup yogurt
- 1/2 cup saffron and rosewater mixture
- 1 cup shredded boiled chicken
- 2 tablespoon butter



Tahchin Preparation:

- In a medium bowl whisk together the eggs, the yogurt, the saffron mixture and the melted butter.
- Stir the mixture with the par-cooked rice with a rubber spatula and mix until all the rice is coated.
- In a non-stick pan or a Pyrex add a very little vegetable oil to make sure that the mixture will not stick to the baking dish.
- Add half of the rice and yogurt mixture to the baking dish and spread evenly to cover the bottom of the dish and press firmly.
- Arrange the shredded chicken evenly on top to the rice layer.
- Finally, add another layer of rice mixture and press gently.
- Cover the baking dish with a sheet of heavy-duty aluminium foil and seal the sides.
- Bake on the lowest rack of the preheated 180C oven for 40 minutes, or until the lowest portion of the sides of Tahchin are golden brown.
- Once it turned to golden brown remove the baking dish from the oven and let it cool for a few minutes.
- Place a platter at the top of baking dish and use mittens to hold both platter and the baking dish and invert the Tahchin.
- At the end you can decorate Tahchin with sliced pistachio, almond and Zereschk.

Recipes from students to students

Mullah Tagalia with Aseeda Recipe

If you would like to try something new, why not make Mullah Tagalia -a delicious red stew that is usually eaten with aseeda-?

Mullah Tagalia - a staple classic Sudanese stew of finely minced meat mixed into a thick and well spiced tomato sauce, served mostly with Aseeda or bread.

Aseeda is a high-energy food eaten at most meals in Sudan especially in Ramadan, its thick jelly-like bread soaks up the stew's fantastic flavour. It is also said that Aseeda was essential to sustain Sudanese men, known for their strong physique.

By: **Fajr Ali, MSc in Physics, COS**



Aseeda Ingredients

- 2 cups Sorghum flour
- 500-700 ml Water
- 1-2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 tablespoon Yoghurt
- 1 tablespoon Oil

Mullah Taglia Ingredients

- 1 Large finely chopped red onion
- 500 g Finely minced beef
- 100 ml Oil
- 4 tablespoon Tomato paste
- 1 L Chopped tomatoes (blended)
- 2-3 tablespoon Grounded coriander
- 4-5 tablespoon Grounded okra
- 3-4 Crushed garlic cloves
- Salt, pepper, and peanut butter

Aseeda Preparation:

- Mix sorghum flour with equal amount of water, add salt, and a tablespoon of yoghurt then leave it for 3-4 hours to ferment, dough's consistency should be relatively similar to a thin pancake mixture.
- Bring approx. 500 ml of water to boil then pour the fermented Aseeda mixture in it and mix well. The flour will cook and thicken in 5-10 min.
- Pour the cooked Aseeda dough in an oiled bowl and let it cool for 20-30 mins.

Mullah Taglia Preparation:

- Fry the finely chopped red onion in a frying pan on low-medium heat till it turns into a deep burgundy colour and soften in texture. Transfer the onions to a bowl and either lightly mash into a semi-paste or equally lightly hand blend.
- To a large oiled pot on medium heat, add 3 tablespoons of premade red onion paste and spread gently.
- Gradually add finely minced beef and mix into the onion until the meat cooks slightly then add tomato paste or puree and mix into the barely cooked meat.
- Add tomato juice and bring to a gentle boil, then reduce the heat, add ground coriander, season with salt and pepper and cover for 15 mins or until the oils rise to surface and the stew thickens.
- Gradually add dried okra while mixing to thicken the mullah, also many Sudanese, favour adding peanut butter, add crushed garlic and stir well.

Once the Aseeda has cooled, turn over in a wider deep circular bowl then pour the Mullah around the outside creating an island of Aseeda around a moat of Mullah

DESERT SAFARI TRIP



show, tanura dance entertainment and belly dance on traditional Arabic music. Students enjoyed the desert sunset and falcon photoshoot sessions. Overall, the trip was one of a kind and it is only the beginning for a joyful year filled with many new experiences and activities.

College of Graduate Studies hosted a journey to a magnificent Arabian desert in the late afternoon of Feb 15th, 2019, for the graduate students and their families in Dubai. Over 100 students registered and around 30 families joined. Dubai's desert isn't just about sand and dunes, it's a living part of Emirati traditions and history. With this tour, students and their families experienced the full desert and culture. The trip was coordinated with a tourism company in Dubai. The unforgettable Arabian adventure took the students in an exciting adrenaline pumping thrilling ride in the desert by Safari licensed professional driver. The trip had other exciting and enjoyable activities such as dune bashing, sandboarding, camel riding, henna painting, ATV, BBQ dinner buffet and refreshments. Also, the program included number of incredible shows, such as fire



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A GREAT EVENING HAS TO START WITH A GREAT FOOD!

At the beginning of Spring 2019 semester, CGS hosted BBQ night for its students and their families. The event provided opportunities for the student to barbecue together using their home countries recipes. A buffet with freshly cooked food was also served during this event. The student enjoyed creating friendships over food, movies, and games outdoors.

HOPEFULLY THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD ANNUALLY ,, STAY TUNED !!



life time. It is an opportunity for students to relieve stress and entertain themselves, in an active environment away from classes and responsibilities. Movie nights come with exciting themes that changes every time. With free popcorn, beverages and comfy atmosphere.

CGS started holding movie nights for graduate students starting Fall 2018 as part of graduate students social activities. Some movies were in the F3 Cinema room and some were outdoors in the F3 garden during the cool winter weather. It is an activity that happened for the first time by the College of Graduate Studies (CGS). It aims to give students some enjoyment in their graduate lives, to create unforgettable memories and have friends for

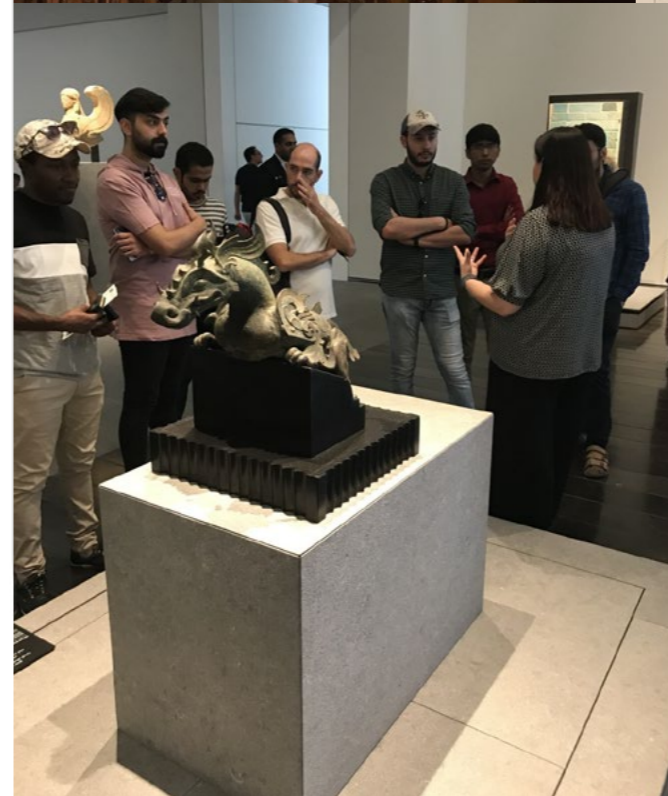
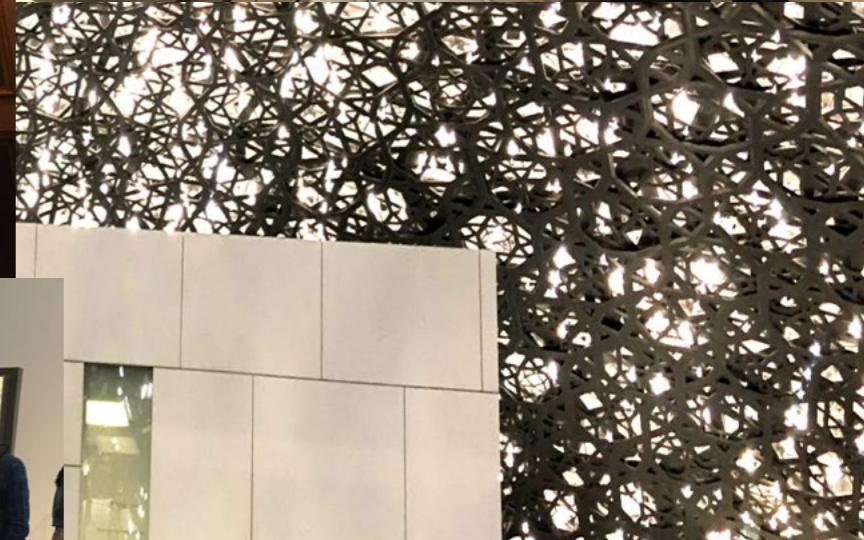


LOUVRE ABU DHABI



On the 19th of April 2019, College of Graduate Studies conducted an educative trip to the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum. Louvre Abu Dhabi is a new cultural beacon, bringing different cultures together to shine fresh light on the shared stories of humanity.

The trip was organized and coordinated by CGS staff members and it included Louvre Tour Guides. The students enjoyed spending some educative and creative time within the museum.



Graduate Studies Open Day 2019



Are you seeking to define yourself through an outstanding career in industry, business or academia?

UAE University is the Place to Unlock Your Ambition!

Each year CGS holds Graduate Studies Open Day for students who want to pursue graduate studies. The purpose of this event is to learn about graduate programs and financial support (scholarships & fellowships), meet Program Coordinators, Graduate Student Assistants and ask them about their experience. Through our world class Master's and Doctoral programs, we nurture, guide and develop ambitious individuals, ready to innovate, influence and lead. In addition, CGS organized Graduate Student Research and Innovation Competition with 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner places during 2019 Graduate Studies Open Day.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



CHANCELLOR'S GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ Master, Doctorate
- ◆ UAE National

FULL-RIDE MASTER TO PHD SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ UAE National

GRADUATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTSHIP

- ◆ All
- ◆ All Nationalities

THE ICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- ◆ Bachelor, Master
- ◆ UAE National

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

- ◆ All
- ◆ All Nationalities

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

- ◆ Master, Doctorate
- ◆ All Nationalities

PHD SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ All Nationalities

PHD FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ All Nationalities

PHD TUITION PAYER

- ◆ All Nationalities

For detailed information about **Financial Support** and the **Graduate Programs**



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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Colleges	Graduate Degree Programs
Business and Economics	Master of Business Administration (MBA)
	Master of Professional Accounting (MPA)
	Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA)
Education	Master of Education
	Master of Educational Innovation
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: - Science Education - Mathematics Education - Language and Literacy Education - Leadership and Policy Studies in Education - Special Education
	Master of Science in Architectural Engineering
	Master of Science in Civil Engineering
Engineering	Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
	Master of Engineering Management
	Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
	Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
	Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering
	Master of Science in Water Resources
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: - Architectural Engineering - Civil Engineering - Chemical Engineering - Petroleum Engineering - Electrical Engineering - Mechanical Engineering - Material Science and Engineering - Water Resources
	Master of Science in Horticulture
	Master of Science in Food Science
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: - Animal Science - Food Science - Horticultural Science - Nutritional Sciences
	Medicine and Health Sciences
Master of Public Health (MPH)	
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: - Biomedical Sciences - Public Health and Occupational Health	

Colleges	Graduate Degree Programs
Humanities and Social Sciences	Master of Science in Clinical Psychology
	Master of Science in Remote Sensing & Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
	Master of Social Work
	Master of Governance and Public Policy
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: - Arabic Literature and Criticism - Arabic Language - English Language - English Literature and Criticism - Mass Communication - Geography and GIS
Information Technology	MSc in Information Security
	MSc in IT Management
	MSc in Software Engineering
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: -Information Technology -Information Security -Computer Science -Software Engineering -Network Engineering -Computer Engineering
Law	Master of Private Law
	Master of Public Law
	Doctor of Philosophy in Law
Science	MSc in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
	MSc in Chemistry
	MSc in Environmental Sciences
	MSc in Mathematics
	MSc in Physics
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Concentrations: -Cellular and Molecular Biology -Ecology and Environmental Sciences -Chemistry -Geosciences -Mathematics -Physics

Upcoming programs

- MSc in Space Science
- MSc in Nutrition & Dietetics

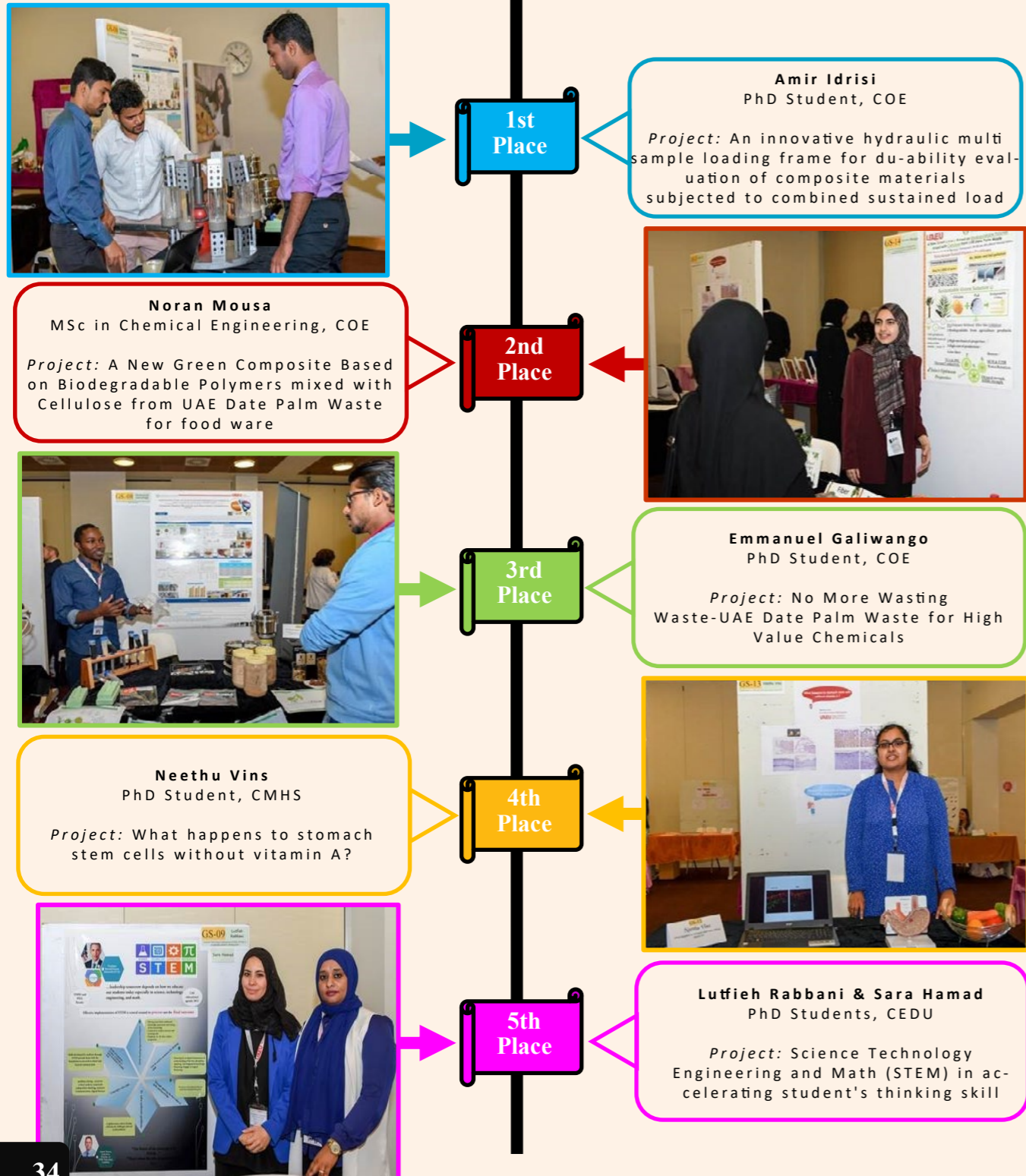


GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COMPETITION

The competition was held together with the Graduate Studies Open Day on Tuesday, 12 March 2019, in the Crescent Building Great Hall. CGS received 23 submissions from UAEU graduate students including both Master and PhD students from 5 colleges - Engineering, Education, Medicine & Health Sciences, Science and Information Technology.

The winners of the 2019 Graduate Student Research and Innovation Competition

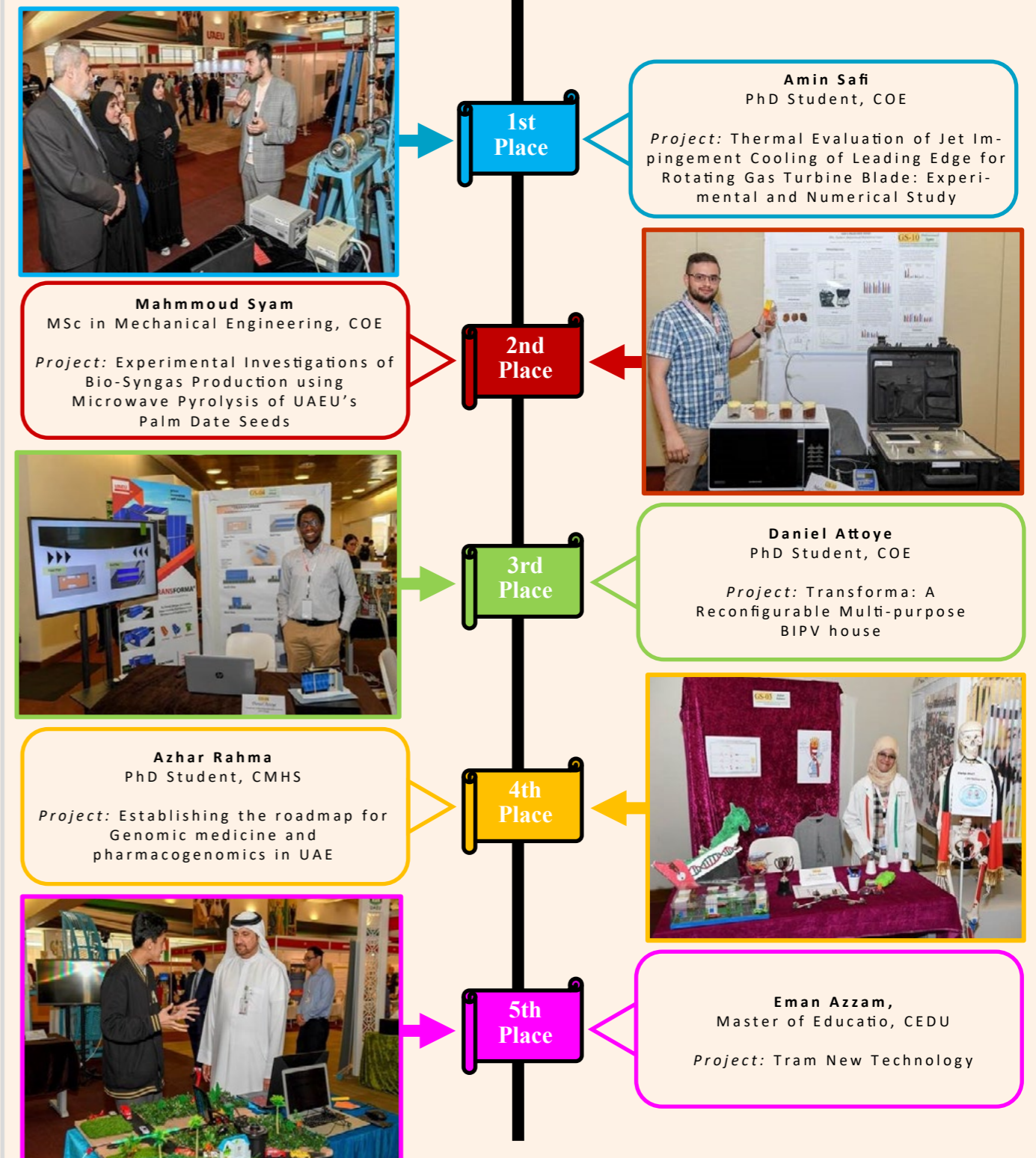
Most Innovative Ideas



Participating students were displaying their prototypes, research materials, and products in addition to posters, to showcase their research projects and innovations in this competition. Sharing research through prototype was a great opportunity to make complex subjects much more accessible to all. The awards were for two criteria; most innovative idea and best exhibition.

The winners of the 2019 Graduate Student Research and Innovation Competition

Best Exhibition



GRADUATE STUDENT HUB

WEEKDAYS: 8AM– 8PM

THURSDAY: 8AM– 3PM

F3 - ROOM 112

THIS SPACE IS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS, FEATURING:

- ◆ A QUIET STUDY/WORKSPACE AREA THAT INCLUDES DESKS WITH COMPUTING FACILITIES.
- ◆ A COMFORTABLE AREA TO RELAX BETWEEN CLASSES, GET HOMEWORK DONE, OR HAVE A COFFEE WITH FRIENDS.
- ◆ PRINTING AND SCANNING.
- ◆ GAMING (PLAYSTATION, BOARD GAMES AND CARDS).
- ◆ MEETING TABLE TO HOLD MEETINGS.

**PROVIDING SUPPORT AND
ADVICE TO GRADUATE
STUDENTS**

What Does it Mean to be a Graduate Assistant?



"Our mentors at CGS, that we love and respect, provided us with the key skills to help our peers to the fullest. We are confident that the skills we have gained in our graduate assistantship at UAEU will help us continue to make a difference." –Graduate Assistants

Your graduate education is more than what you learn in the classroom — it is also the work experience you gain. One way to obtain work experience in graduate school is through a graduate assistantship. A unique experience during graduate years, graduate assistantships provide an excellent learning environment, exposing students to what it is like to be in the workforce (and will help you in financing graduate school!).

CGS STUDENT HUB

On Dec 6, 2018, College of Graduate Studies opened the CGS Hub for students. It is a place where graduate students can meet up and get their work done. CGS Hub offers many services for the students, such as printing and

scanning. Also it is a good place to relieve your stress and enjoy gaming (PlayStation, boards games and cards) and reading (Arabic and English books) with friends. The Hub can be the perfect atmosphere to meet new friends and share information and knowledge. The Hub holds events and competitions throughout the semesters to get more students involved.

CGS is open throughout the weekdays to support and guide students.



Our main responsibilities in this position included:

- Training graduate students to use the university thesis/dissertation format, template, and guidelines.
- Correcting the students thesis/dissertations.
- Evaluating student work, and assisting other educational professionals with projects or research.

These roles have given us key employability skills while also allowing us to experience working in a professional and fast-paced work environment.

Why becoming a Graduate Assistant will be helpful as you pursue a graduate degree:

1. From an educational standpoint, the benefits can also provide you with a valuable network of contacts to look to for references and advice post-graduation.
2. You get quality, practical work experience while getting your graduate degree.
3. You assist and learn from other students in your field.

CGS Workshops

"ELEVATOR TALK for Posters/Projects/Thesis Dissertation"

"Workshop on Research "STRENGTHENING YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS"

"Designing and Presenting Posters at Conferences"

Prof. Bhanu Chowdhary, CFA

"The Third Space in Research: Mixed Method Models & Designs"

Dr. Negmeldin Omer Alsheikh, CEDU

"From worrier to a warrior: anxiety control, stress management and output driven focus"

Dr. Marina-Selini Katsaiti, CBE

"Sample size calculation using different statistical programs"

"Introduction to Statistical Data Analysis with SPSS"

Dr. M. Jawad Hashim, CMHS

"Key Tips for a Successful Job Search"

Mrs. Abeer Al Shuaibi, Center for Career Placement & Alumni

"How to make the best out of conference participation"

Dr. Abdessamad Tridane, COS

"How to come up with a research idea and develop a good research proposal"

Prof. Thomas Ahrens, CBE

"How to write your own book in 8 weeks"

Dr. James Kelley, CBE

"Thesis/Dissertation Writing Strategies"

Dr. Mutamed Ayyash, CFA

"Conducting a thesis/dissertation research project; planning, performing and ending"

Prof. Ala Aldahan, COS

"Tips for a Successful Thesis Defense from a Recent UAEU Graduate"

Mr. Abdul Rehman Said, CGS

"Workshop on Occupational Health & Safety"

Mr. Iain McIntyre

Facility Managements Department

"Workshop on Self Improvement & Personality Development"

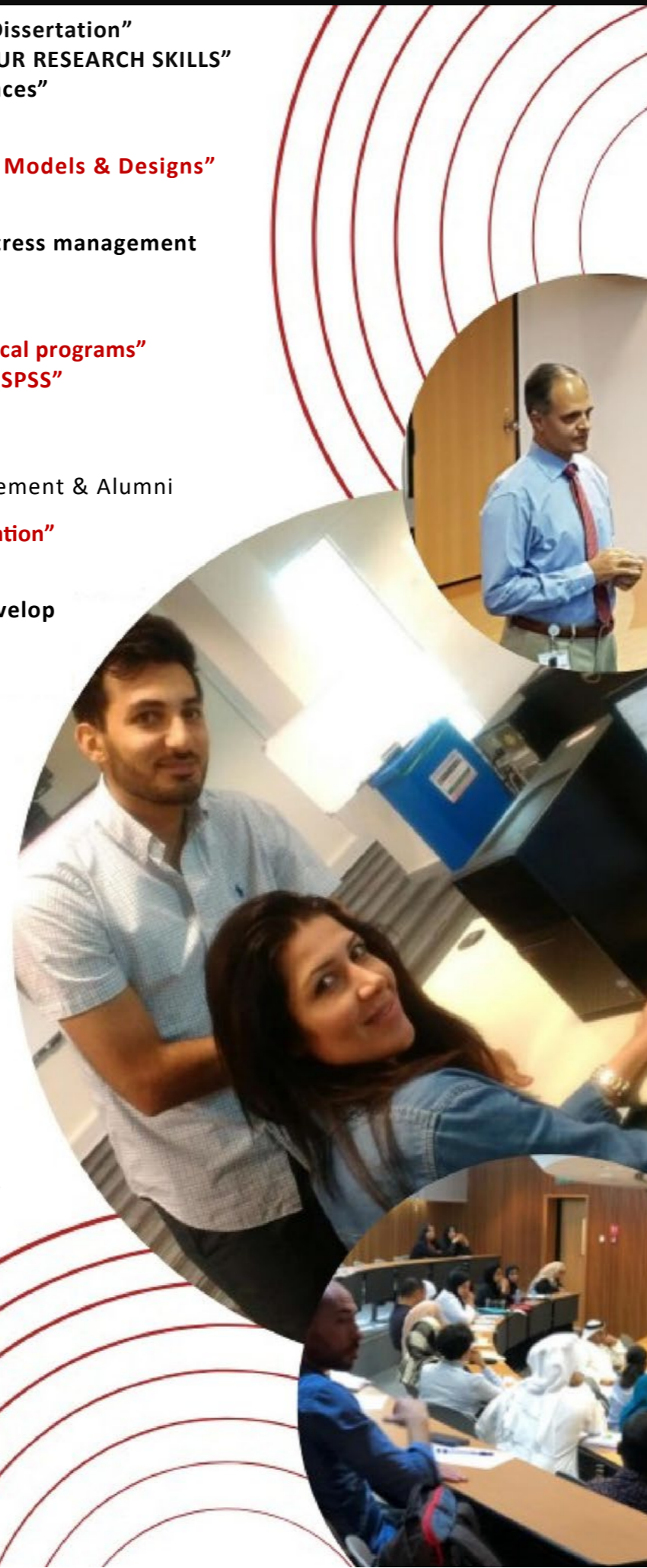
Dr. Aquib Moin, COS

"Answering Job Interview Questions"

Mr. Shehab Majud, University College

"How to Write a Research Paper"

Dr. Eyas Mahmoud, COE



Other workshops included:

"Workshop on Research Ethics"

Prof. Afaf Kamal-Eldin (CFA), Prof. Fikri Zaidan (CMHS), Dr. William McDonald (CHSS), Prof. Safa Shehab (CMHS), and Prof. Thies Thiemann (COS)

"Thesis Referencing Packages: Options and Benefits"

Prof. Taoufik Ksiksi (COS)

"Introduction to Research Skills"

Dr. David Thomson (COS)

"How to Write an Academic Paper"

Dr. Efstathios Polyzos (CBE)

"Statistical Data Analysis with SPSS"

Mr. Yousef Wardat, PhD Student (CEDU)

CGS STUDENTS' WORKSHOPS

CGS supports its graduate students in all the ways, it provides more than 50 workshops each year. These workshops shade the light on different areas that can support the student academically, emotionally and in their future and career lives. It also takes the students' hands from simplest areas such as writing into research and citing. These workshops are conducted by professionals who already have long experience in the area.



The workshops are not only for graduate students but some of them are welcoming undergraduates, faculty and UAEU staff from different departments. All the workshops are free of charge, all you need to do is to check your email and stay updated.



STUDENTS TALENTS



LET US TRY!

"Let us try!

Instead of just complain!

Instead of cry!

Hand by hand we could improve our life. We could even reach the sky!

Let us try!

From your failure never feel shy!

No matter how many times we fail!

Never fall in despair!

My friend! Never limit yourself with that harsh jail!

But to resist that & to stand up again; it's our role!

Let's break that fear wall!

Let's seriously implement our talents as a whole!

Let us try!

If we fall seven we can stand eight!

Just we need to keep our energy flow rate!

Let us try!

That feeling of insistence which we must be driven by!

Let us try!

To believe in ourselves, to trust our abilities!

To learn how on ourselves we could rely!

Let us try!

Let's release ourselves from the prison of fear!

Keep trying even if the sight seems for you not clear!

Let us try!

To see by our hearts that misery which we are surrounded by!

Let's move! Let's act!

Let's believe that success after trying is a matter of fact!

Why together don't we learn how to fly?!

Why we do give up?! Why for our conscience we say good-bye?!

Isn't it self-deceiving?!

Isn't it against morals..against believing?!

Let us try!

Let's learn from every lonely day!

Let's gather together & come back hand by hand in order to stay..& remember our weaknesses in that lonely day!

Think of all we have before!

Let's try once more & more & more!

Let us try!

We have dreams! So let's act..Let's move & stop just asking why!

Together we can stand! No one can clap by single hand!

Hand by hand! Together we can stand!

Let us try!

Instead of just complain! Instead of cry!"

- Maysa Adi—COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

UAEU Graduate Student's Academic Journey



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN UNIVERSITY AS A STUDENT?

I appreciated the wealth of material available in the libraries and bookstores. Published/reference papers that were not readily available in the university library could be requested and the library personnel would provide them eventually. There are different technologies that facilitated (classroom) learning and faculty-student interaction. There are also opportunities to participate in conferences within the region. Accessing information was challenging some of the times. It would be great to have all information related to enrolling (right from visas to the number of credit hours allowed for registration) available, particularly for international students.

EXPERIENCE AS AN ASSISTANT RESEARCH AND WITH STUDENTS?

It was a good opportunity to work with and learn from different faculty members in my department. I also worked for one semester as an instructor which was a peculiar experience. Having recently been a student myself, I had to try to find the middle ground between recognizing students' challenges, making sure to give them material they would easily understand and ensuring the information I was teaching wasn't watered down. Hopefully I didn't make any student's life too hard.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND STUDENTS TO PURSUE YOUR MAJOR AND WHY?

There can never be too many people in the helping profession. If there are enough internship sites available and enough qualified practitioners to lead you through the training process, I would say go for it!

ANY MESSAGE TO CURRENT GRADUATES?

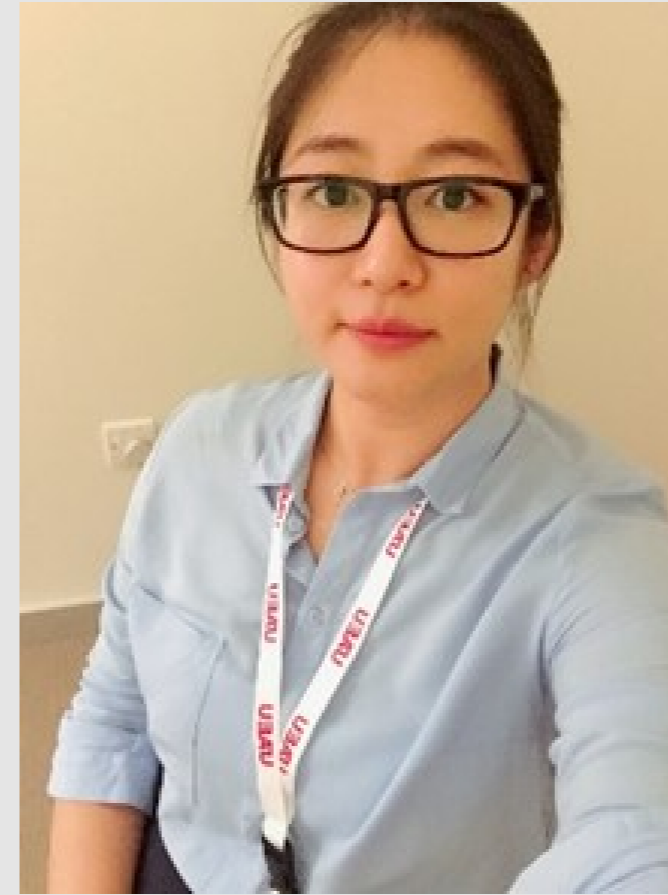
Make use of every opportunity available to you; there are quite a few. Also, have as many random conversations as you can, you'll be surprised what the next person knows that you don't.

YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE AS AN EXPAT TO UAE

I've always thought of the UAE as a place that makes you feel like you're in lots of different countries at once. My cultural awareness has improved, I've built a good network of friends, I've learnt a new language, I've gotten a Master's degree (which is why I came to begin with) ... and oh, I've learnt that when people mention my middle name (Baba), they could very well be addressing their father, it doesn't get better than this!

ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

Sincere gratitude to everyone (especially from my department) who supported me and made my stay in UAE(U) memorable.



This interview was held with Xu Liu, a current PhD student in College of Humanities and Social Sciences at UAEU, sharing her experience with all of us.

FULL NAME ?

Xu Liu.

YOUR MAJOR AND COLLEGE?

College of Education, curriculum and instruction
Country: China.

WHY YOU CHOOSE UAE FOR STUDY?

I wanted to experience different culture and learn Arabic, so the best choice for me was to come to UAE since it is pretty famous in China.

HOW HAS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE SO FAR? IN TERMS OF COUNTRY, CULTURE, PEOPLE

So far so good. I don't really have time to experience more of the local culture due to my busy schedule. However, I experienced it all inside the university and during some short visits to Dubai and Abu Dhabi. Moreover, I experienced that Al Ain, Abu Dhabi or Dubai, like any other international city in the world, has its own culture or mixed culture, which is fascinating. People are more open minded and follow more western concept. However, in Al Ain people are nice, but a little bit conservative.

So it's really interesting that every emirate has different views and values of life with similar concept.

HOW WAS YOUR PHD STUDENT LIFE IN UAEU?

I'm seeking joy amidst in sorrow. I'm joking! It's going pretty good actually. Currently, my Academic life is interesting as I'm gaining a lot of knowledge and skills. Moreover, I have developed research skills, critical thinking and academic writing, etc. Thanks to the classes and workshops organized by CGS Dept.

The only sad part is that the student life is isolated from the society. We spend most of our time in dorms as Al Ain doesn't have much places worth visiting.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN UNIVERSITY?

The challenges currently we are facing as students is the way curriculum is designed in my college and program requirements. It keeps changing. In terms of opportunities, we have supportive faculty and funding for conducting research and personal development, which is great!

TALK ABOUT WORKSHOPS, FORUMS AND CONFERENCES YOU HAVE ATTENDED SO FAR?

I really encourage students to make time and attend workshops and forums, inside and outside their major or college, in order to hone their skills. A recent workshop that I attended was classroom behavior management, which I and my colleagues organized. It was aimed to raise the awareness of misbehaviors in the classroom to the future and young English language teachers, to share the experiences and strategies with them. Other than that, I attended Blended Learning symposium and it was fun.

ANY MESSAGE TO CURRENT GRADUATES?

Enjoy the school life and make the best of out this opportunity.

This interview was held, with Vanessa Baaba Dadzie, a Master alumna who completed her journey in UAEU, and now here she is sharing her experience with all of us.

YOUR MAJOR AND COLLEGE?

Clinical Psychology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

GRADUATION YEAR?

2016 (May/June)

YEARS OF JOB IN UNIVERSITY?

2 Years

WHY YOU CHOOSE THIS MAJOR?

I have always recognized the need for mental health. The knowledge, awareness and services for mental health in my country weren't nearly enough. I was challenged to get as much relevant experience as possible so I could contribute positively towards this need.

HOW WAS YOUR STUDENT LIFE IN UAEU?

In one word...Fascinating. It's been a journey of learning – about new things in psychology, about how things work in a culture completely different from mine and indeed about myself. I made some lifetime friends to...a beautiful cherry on top.

Graduate Students Quotes



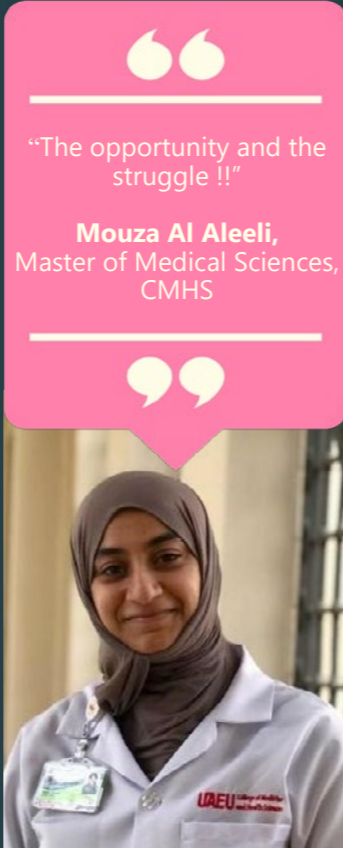
"Life in UAEU is the most wonderful"

Zia Ur Said Rehman
Master of Engineering Management, COE



"My Professor once said: Keep it Simple and Stupid"

Nuray Alizada
MSc in Environmental Sciences, COS



"The opportunity and the struggle !!"

Mouza Al Aleeli,
Master of Medical Sciences, CMHS



"I love the warm welcome and the great opportunity"

Sanabil Ali, PhD Student, CMHS

"Aspire to Inspire before you Expire"

Emmanuel Galiwango
PhD Student, COE



"Grad school improves students skills to meet the requirements of modern jobs and research fields"

Ahmad Esam Alaran
MSc in Environmental Sciences, COS



"Always follow your dreams and never give up on something you really want because you will achieve it"

Saja Alqahtani
MBA, CBE

From a WORRIER to a WARRIOR

HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR GRADUATE LIFE ..

Overcome stress

- Prioritize your tasks and better time management.
- Take a break every once and a while to walk,
- Chat with a friend, listen to music or simply eat.
- Be organized.
- Do something that you like to do.
- Do some physical exercises such as running,. Physical exercises have been proved to be effective in relieving stress.



Tips for research

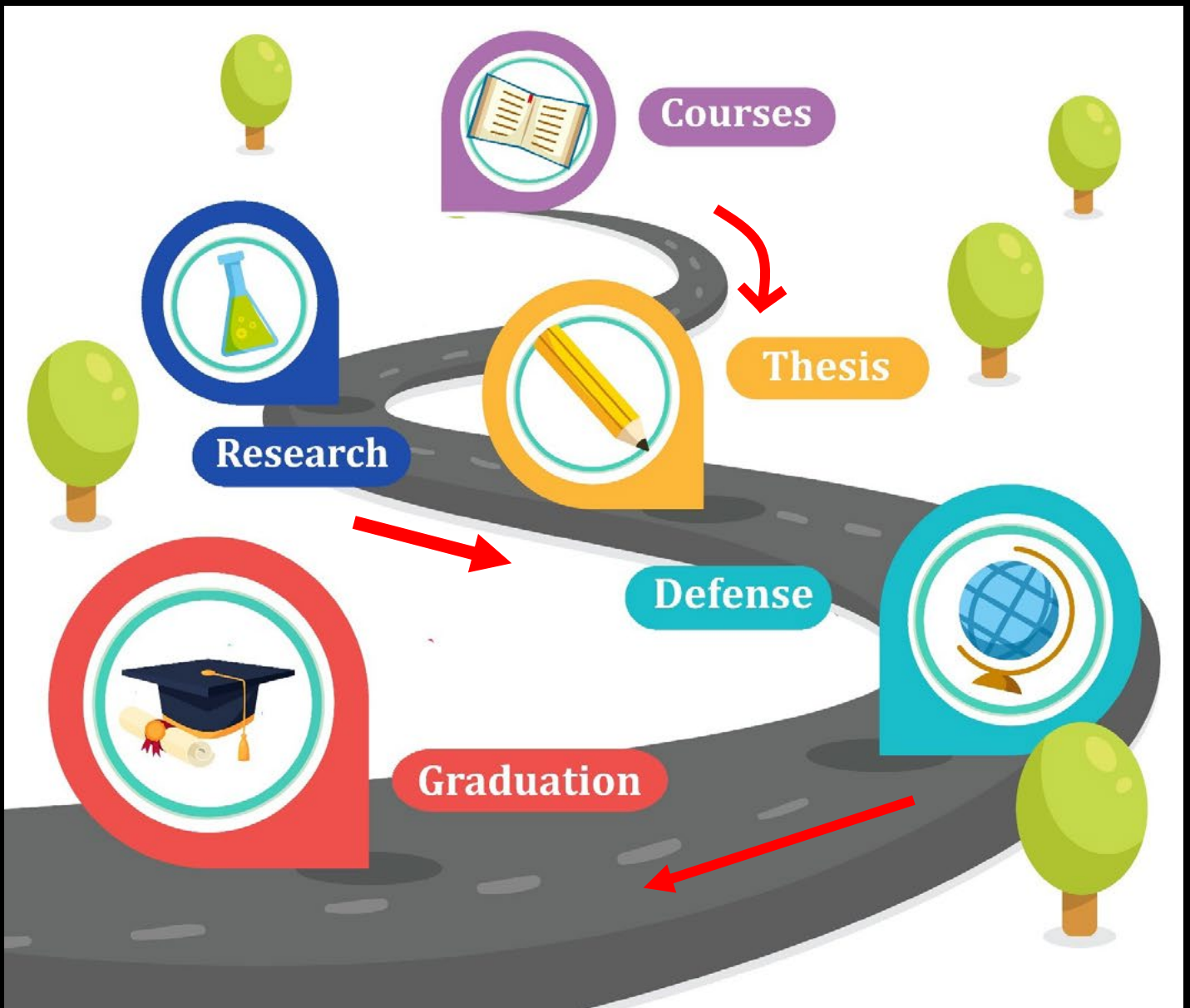
- Choose a topic that you have interest and passion for, and choose a supervisor who has the most relevance expertise.
- Start as soon as possible.
- Read, read, read, and read some more.
- Don't depend on one type for resource . Try to combine. Use the university Library. It has most of the resources you will need, and if they don't, they will try their best to provide it to you.



Tips for successful defense

- Even though you wrote it, it is really helpful to read your thesis/dissertation before presenting.
- Don't over complicate your presentation, present your thesis in a very simple way keeping in mind that your audience have different backgrounds.
- Practice at the location of your defense, it won't hurt if you have an audience.
- Be there ahead of time and make sure that everything works.
- You are in a professional setting, so dress to measure.
- Keep eye contact with the audience and watch your body language.
- Try to answer the question of audience in a clear and concise way and If you don't know the answer, simply state that you don't it in a polite manner (Don't be defensive in you defense).
- RELAX, and keep in mind that this is your moment to shine.





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