



President's Message

This edition of the Annual Report has been launched at a time when Qatar University (QU) has announced and implemented its new strategy (2018-2022).

The new strategy maps the route to the transformation process, which has become a reality in the various sectors of the University. It is also the result of the vigorous work of various teams, and aims to achieve a qualitative leap in the academic and research fields, while aligning with the challenges that are facing the national economy, and meeting the needs of local society.

The new strategy has also been inspired from the speech of His Highness the Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, in which he said: "We require diligence, creativity, independent thinking, constructive initiatives and interest in academic achievement in all disciplines, self-reliance and fighting indolence and dependency. This is not just wishful thinking, and these are not mere dreams. Our goals are realistic and practical."

Through its new strategy, QU strives to promote education and student experience, to support research, to develop the institutional system, and to place community engagement at the heart of its work.

QU is home to 9 colleges and serves over 20,000 students. The University offers a wide range of high-quality academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, aligned with the needs of society and the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030.

It has been a long journey since the University's inception in 1977. At that time, the University's offerings used to align with the needs of society and the consecutive generations of QU's leaders and faculty achieved numerous successes leading us to the present.

QU's alumni body comprises over 42,000 distinguished alumni who contribute to building the future of their country in all sectors.

It has been a long journey, and today we hold the responsibility of following the same path while promoting QU's capabilities in line with the country's aspirations and needs.

The 2016-2017 academic year has been a transition year between the previous strategy and the new one. This report features numerous achievements in various academic and research fields, as well as at the institutional level as the University has finalized the last process of its new academic and administrative structure.

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