THE ORYX GTL QATAR STUDENT AWARDS for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education

Case Study

Gulf Intelligence
Celebrating 10 Years of Knowledge Exchange
“Maximizing Qatar’s post-graduate skills is vital to the country’s transformation into a knowledge-based economy as per the National Vision 2030. Therein lies the value of the ORYX GTL Student Awards for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education in Qatar,” “The Awards are a cornerstone of the country’s effort to enhance the respect and prestige towards research-focused education. The high-level recognition will bolster the brightest students’ confidence to flex their brainpower in support of local Industry and Academia alignment”

Mohamed Al Enazi
Chief Administration Officer
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**OVERVIEW:**

The ORYX GTL Student Awards for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education in Qatar recognizes outstanding young Qatari individuals destined to be the country’s future industry and academic leaders, who will contribute to building Qatar’s knowledge economy as set out in the country’s National Vision.

This Pioneering Award Recognizes Role Models and is focused on Celebrating the Importance of building Post Graduate Education capacity in Qatar.

**PURPOSE:**

To recognize future thought leaders in Energy contributing to the advancement of Qatar industry by awarding 2 MA and 2 PhD candidates for their outstanding achievements.

**VISION**

The vision of the annual ORYX GTL Student Awards is to enhance the prestige and attitudes toward research-focused education as a major component to building knowledge capacity and talent required to deliver an innovative R&D ecosystem in Qatar.

The ORYX GTL Student Awards for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education in Qatar annually recognizes and celebrates the country’s future industry and academic leaders who will contribute to building the country’s R&D hub.

**How urgent is the need to bridge the gap between industry and academia?**

A. Progress is required within the next 3 years  
25%

B. Progress is required in 3 to 5 years time  
72%

C. Progress is not required for at least another 5 years  
3%

Source: Qatar Student Awards Research
The Student Awards for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education recognize, celebrate and strategically position future industry and academic leaders and contribute to Qatar’s national R&D ecosystem and transition to role models for the next generation of innovators.

**CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW**

1. **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**
   - Provide undergraduate students with a better understanding of available educational programs, career options, and guidance on continuing education.

2. **STUDENT SEMINARS**
   - Student Seminars enhance the dialogue between students, academic institutions and industry to ensure students have a better understanding of pursuing post-graduate studies and what career opportunities are available following a post-graduate degree.

3. **STUDENT AWARDS**
   - The ORYX GTL Student Awards Ceremony takes place in front of high level government, academia, and industry executives.

4. **THOUGHT LEADERS**
   - Nabila Adam, Chemical Engineer at the Public Works Authority ‘Ashghal

5. **INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, GOVERNMENT LEADERS**
   - Yousef Al-Jaber; Director of Total Research Center, Total Qatar

6. **INFLUENCERS & ROLE MODELS FOR NEXT GENERATION**
   - Dhaila M. Al-Mohannadi; Winner of 2016 Oryx GTL Student Awards – Masters Category and Winner of 2018 Oryx GTL Student Awards – PHD Category

A Holistic Approach
An Academic Review Board of International standing with distinguished individuals from government, academia and industry evaluates the nomination criteria, requirements, and scores the nominee profiles.
Award Winners and Future Ambassadors of Post-Graduate Education

**2016**
- Tareq Al-Ansari
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Nayef Mehsin Al-Ansi
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Dr. Ahmad Abushaikha
  - Imperial College London – PHD

**2017**
- Ali Al-Menhali
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Tejvir Singh
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – PHD
- Raid Hassiba
  - Texas A&M University at Qatar – MASTERS
- Haneen Abdelrazeq
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Jassim Al-Mejali
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Almea Balouch
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – PHD
- Saad Al-Lahham
  - Texas A&M University at Qatar – MASTERS
- Dhabia Al-Mohannadi
  - Texas A&M University at Qatar – MASTERS
- Yousef Mohammed Yousef Al-Jaber
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – MASTERS

**2018**
- Almea Balouch
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – PHD
- Ahmad Mohammed Kayyari Fard
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – PHD
- Eng. Abdulqader Al-Khouzaami
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Shifa Shahin
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Almea Balouch
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – PHD
- Yousef Mohammed Yousef Al-Jaber
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – MASTERS
- Dhabia M. Al-Mohannadi
  - Texas A&M University at Qatar – PHD
- Eng. Abdulqader Al-Khouzaami
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Shifa Shahin
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Almea Balouch
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – PHD
- Yousef Mohammed Yousef Al-Jaber
  - Hamad Bin Khalifa University – MASTERS

**2014**
- Ibrahim Daher
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Mohammad Omer Mohsen
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Tareq Al-Ansari
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Dr. Ahmad Abushaikha
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Amea Sadia
  - Texas A&M University at Qatar – MASTERS
- Nabil Al-Adim
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Naseer Mohammed Al-Ansi
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Al Ali Al-Mohannadi
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Amea Sadia
  - Texas A&M University at Qatar – MASTERS
- Nabil Al-Adim
  - Qatar University – MASTERS
- Naseer Mohammed Al-Ansi
  - Imperial College London – PHD
- Al Ali Al-Mohannadi
  - Imperial College London – PHD
Student Seminars: A commitment to Lifelong Learning

The ORYX GTL Student Seminars aim to enhance the dialogue between students, academic institutions, and industry to have a clearer idea of what programmes and subsequent career opportunities are most beneficial for post-graduate students in Qatar and beyond.

The ORYX GTL Student Seminar Panels consist of Senior Executives from Government-Industry-Academia.

The seminars involve continuous & in-depth engagement with the leadership of universities as well as a prolonged and expansive outreach to students & academia.
Qataris complete sweep of Oryx GTL Student Awards

Competitive spirit is rife in today’s technical and scientific professional circles, which means the continual enhancement of post-graduate education in Qatar is vital. The national importance of students’ drive to succeed has far-reaching consequences. Students are at the heart of Qatar’s goal to become a knowledge-based economy – one based on intellectual value, rather than hydrocarbons – as per the Country’s national vision 2030.
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Qatar Student Awards
for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education

Winners Transition to Thought Leaders
Through High Level Engagements

2,500+
Number of students reached in 2018
for Call for Nominations

30
Universities invited to participate in
ORYX GTL Student Awards Campaign

23
Qatari Nationals nominated
in 2018 alone

50
Number of Qatari entities witnessed
the 5th ORYX GTL Student Awards
ceremony

10,000
Potential Graduate students
exposed to the first ORYX GTL
Student Awards in 2013

5,000
Students from around the world
watched the live web stream of the
ORYX GTL Student Seminar broadcast
from Texas A&M University Qatar

100%
Qatari Winners in 2018

100
Female engineers participated
actively in Q&A about Importance of
post graduate studies in 2014

100+
Media Outlets reached every year for
campaign exposure