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### VISION AND IMPACT

The vision of the Occidental Oman Student Awards for the advancement of post-graduate education is to enhance the prestige and attitudes toward research-focused education as a major component to building knowledge capacity and talent. Both are required to deliver an innovative R&D ecosystem in Oman.

The Occidental Oman Student Awards recognize and celebrate the country's future industry and academic leaders who will contribute to building the sultanate's R&D hub. This Pioneering Award recognizes role models and establishes the award winners as ambassadors for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education in Oman.

As the project gains visibility and legitimacy, so does the significant role of post-graduate education in the development of a knowledge economy.

**“Recognizing the achievements of Oman’s Masters and PhD students will spark the imagination of a new generation of thought leaders. The winners of the Occidental Oman Student Awards for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education will become positive role models to a new generation of young Omanis seeking careers in the energy sector, which will give some of the brightest minds in the country a head start in what is a highly competitive industry”**

*H.E. Salim Al Afi, Undersecretary, Ministry of Oil & Gas, Oman*

**“Postgraduates’ intellectual appetite for pushing the boundaries of what we think we know should be recognized and supported. In this way we can foster a positive cycle of inspiration and mentorship for even younger generations. Along with entrepreneurship, skills development and other enabling efforts, enhancement of a focused research capability can play a key role in diversification and development of a sustainable economy”**

*Stephen A. Kelly, President and General Manager, Occidental of Oman*

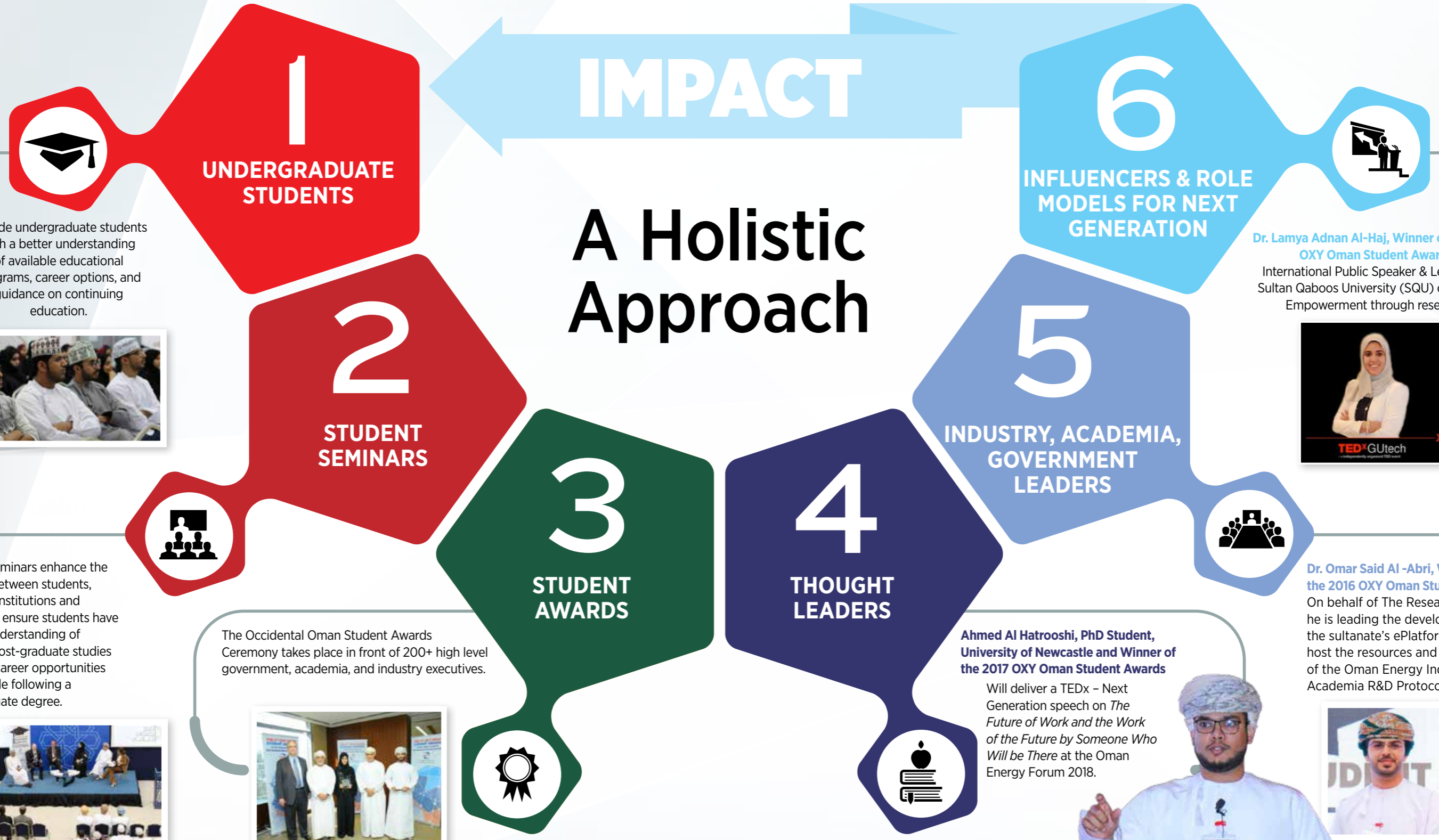


# CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

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

## IMPACT

### A Holistic Approach



**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 Occidental Oman Student Awards Ceremony takes place in front of 200+ high level government, academia, and industry executives.



**4**  
THOUGHT LEADERS

**Ahmed Al Hatrooshi, PhD Student, University of Newcastle and Winner of the 2017 OXY Oman Student Awards**

Will deliver a TEDx - Next Generation speech on *The Future of Work and the Work of the Future by Someone Who Will be There* at the Oman Energy Forum 2018.



**5**  
INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, GOVERNMENT LEADERS

**Dr. Omar Said Al -Abri, Winner of the 2016 OXY Oman Student Awards**

On behalf of The Research Council, he is leading the development of the sultanate's ePlatform, which will host the resources and objectives of the Oman Energy Industry-Academia R&D Protocol.



**6**  
INFLUENCERS & ROLE MODELS FOR NEXT GENERATION

**Dr. Lanya Adnan Al-Haj, Winner of the 2016 OXY Oman Student Awards**

International Public Speaker & Lecturer at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) on Female Empowerment through research.





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Occidental Oman and Gulf Intelligence have teamed up to award Omani and Oman-based postgraduates who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in the field of energy. Award nominations are evaluated by a proficient Selection Committee that selects 4 winners – 2 Masters and 2 PhD postgraduates. The primary aim of the Awards is to recognize extraordinary individuals and future thought leaders who are instrumental to achieving the sultanate's goal to create an innovative research and development (R&D) ecosystem, as per the National Vision 2020.

### Awards Criteria

#### Criteria for Nominees for the PhD Award:

- Omani National, or Oman-based and Oman-educated for a period of 10 consecutive years.
- Near completion of PhD, or a recent PhD graduate in an energy-related field. Degree must have been completed within the last two years.
- Demonstrates potential to be a future thought leader in the energy industry in Oman.
- PhD dissertation should be relevant to Oman.
- Extra weight given to PHD studies that directly impact the advancement of local industry.
- Demonstrates the intention of working in Oman.

#### Criteria for Nominees for the Masters Award:

- Omani National, or Oman-based and Oman-educated for a period of 10 consecutive years.
- Near completion of Masters, or a recent Masters graduate in an energy-related field. Degree must have been completed within the last two years.
- Demonstrates potential to be a future thought leader in the energy industry in Oman.
- Current, or planned involvement in energy-related research in Oman.
- Demonstrates the intention of working in Oman.
- Extra weight will be given to those with intent to pursue a PhD.
- Exemplary Undergraduate and Graduate grades.



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### About the Selection Committee

A Selection Committee of international standing with distinguished individuals from Government, Academia and Industry determine the nomination criteria, requirements, and score the nominee profiles.

#### Selection Review Committee 2017



Mohammed Al Asimi  
Subsurface Development Manager  
Occidental of Oman



Dr. Nader Mosavat  
Program Director  
Engineering and Technology  
Muscat University



Dr. Ing. Najah Al Mhanna  
Head of the Department of Engineering  
GUTech



Professor Martin Blunt  
Chair of Petroleum Engineering  
Imperial College London



Saif Al-Bahry  
Director Oil and Gas Research Center  
Sultan Qaboos University

#### Selection Review Committee 2016



Dr. Rahma Al-Mahrouqi  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
of Postgraduate Studies and Research  
Sultan Qaboos University



Dr. Michael Georg Modigell  
Rector  
GUTech



Dr. Abdullah Al-Abri  
Technical Lead  
Petroleum Development Oman



Dr. Khalil Al Riyami  
Vice President of Exploration  
Occidental of Oman



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## Award Winners and Future Ambassadors of Post-Graduate Education

2017 - PhD



Dr. Khalid Al-Hinai



Ahmed Al Hatrooshi

2017 - Masters



Hajir Al Farsi



Abdullah Salim Al-Shereiqi

2016 - PhD



Omar Said Al-Abri



Lamya Adnan Al-Haj

2016 - Masters



Mahir Mansour Al-Wahaibi



Mohammed Salim Al-Shuaili



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## Student Seminars

The Occidental Oman Student Seminars aim to promote post-graduate education with Omani undergraduates. The topics addressed will include: the advantages of pursuing post-graduate education and how to close the gap between Industry and Academia on R&D.





# Winners Transition to Thought Leaders Through High Level Engagements







Consultancy  
Intelligence  
Publishing