College of Islamic Studies

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About HBKU
Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), was founded in 2010 to continue fulfilling QF’s vision of unlocking human potential.

HBKU is a homegrown research and graduate studies university that acts as a catalyst for positive transformation in Qatar and the region while having a global impact.

Located within Education City, HBKU seeks to provide unparalleled opportunities where inquiry and discovery are integral to teaching and learning at all levels, utilizing a multidisciplinary approach across its focus areas.

The university provides an array of graduate programs through its College of Islamic Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, College of Law, College of Health and Life Sciences, and College of Public Policy.

HBKU is also home to three research institutes – Qatar Biomedical Research Institute (QBRI), Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI), and Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) – which together with the colleges are at the forefront of efforts to seek novel solutions to grand challenges facing Qatar and the region.

Additionally, HBKU’s Executive Education Center delivers customized programs for the business community of Qatar and the region.
At Hamad Bin Khalifa University, our people are our greatest strength, and when students enroll in one of our academic programs, they become part of a thriving community that is committed to the pursuit of excellence and innovation. HBKU has a mandate to build and cultivate human capacity by offering students an enriching academic experience that extends beyond the classroom. By utilizing unique collaborations with local and international partners, we aim to tackle the challenges of the region and the world through interdisciplinary education and innovative research.

HBKU is proud to offer students the opportunity to learn from world-renowned faculty and industry leaders through our colleges and our three national research institutes, providing the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to become experts in their chosen fields, and take their careers to the next level. HBKU is situated in a regional economic and cultural hub, and our students benefit greatly from exposure to diverse perspectives as they determine how to use their degrees to positively contribute to their own development and that of their communities, whether in Qatar or across the world.

Additionally, HBKU benefits from an exceptional student-to-faculty ratio and from being based in Education City – a unique hub of learning that offers students a wealth of opportunities to play an active role in a vibrant multicultural environment.

As a student at HBKU, you have the opportunity to play a key role at an institution that, at its heart, is committed to innovating today and shaping tomorrow.
Research

Research is the cornerstone of Hamad Bin Khalifa University’s commitment to building human capacity through interdisciplinary education and innovation that supports Qatar’s journey towards sustainable growth. HBKU’s interdisciplinary research and education environment is distinguished by a unique synergy among the colleges and research institutes.

The university’s students, faculty, and researchers work within an ecosystem that addresses challenges of national priority and contributes to outcomes with a tangible impact on society. Collectively, they are achieving breakthroughs in the fields of biomedicine, genomics and precision medicine, information and communications technology and sustainability, while advancing knowledge across the humanities, Islamic studies, law, and public policy.

At each of the six colleges, students work under the guidance of faculty to conduct research that results in tangible solutions and innovative outcomes.
About CIS
The College of Islamic Studies (CIS) provides a unique platform that contributes to critical intellectual debates on Islam in a global context, through its blended academic programs and an immersive learning experience, as well as its distinguished research division, which includes several research centers and clusters. The college's graduate and PhD programs equip students with the training and skills required to pursue careers in academia and research, as well as the cultural, business, and finance sectors, through the specialized tracks that are offered and year-round development opportunities.
CIS’ students come from a range of academic backgrounds that are as diverse as their nationalities, strengthening the academic and cultural fabric of the college and HBKU. The programs at CIS admit students with high academic standing in related undergraduate or graduate programs. Students with relevant work experience are also encouraged to apply.

The CIS alumni community now includes more than 400 graduates representing 49 nationalities. CIS alumni have diverse career trajectories and positions in public and private sectors within Qatar, the region, and the world.

In addition, a notable number of CIS alumni have pursued their doctoral degrees at prestigious universities abroad.

**Career Prospects**
CIS programs offer graduates an array of career possibilities. Whether they are seeking career development opportunities or they occupy senior-level positions, CIS graduates are best equipped to tackle the challenges of a constantly evolving global world and a rapidly changing job market.

**Gradsuates of CIS’ programs can readily occupy positions in a range of institutions depending on their specialization and interest:**
- Government
- NGOs and International
- Educational and Research
- Religious Institutions
- Policy Institutes
- Financial Advisory Firms
- Central and Private Banks
- Private Corporations
- Media
- Development Agencies
- Translation and Interpretation
- Art Galleries
- Museums and Archives
- Architectural and Design Firms

**Faculty and Research Areas**
CIS’ faculty are established experts within their respective fields who not only incorporate curriculum-based instruction, but also encourage inquiry and intellectual pursuits that extend beyond the traditional classroom. In addition, CIS’ faculty are actively engaged in conducting research and contributing to global scholarship in a wide range of research areas, inter alia, including:
- Fiqh and society
- Islam and modernity
- Theological and philosophical ethics
- Applied Islamic ethics (Islamic bioethics, migration and human rights, etc.)
- Islamic social finance and economy
- Green financing and impact investing
- Fintech and digital banking
- Islamic banking and financial markets
- Sustainable development and faith
- Global governance and religion
- Preservation of heritage and cultural identity in Muslim societies
- Trends and typologies of Islamic architecture
Research Division

CIS’ Research Division consists of a number of research centers and clusters that foster interdisciplinary research to generate greater collaborative learning and research work through research clusters. It aims to increase research output and dissemination at CIS, including peer-reviewed and high-impact publications, events such as conferences and roundtables, media reporting, grant proposals, as well as a data repository (IBIR).

Center for Islamic Economics and Finance (CIEF)

CIEF provides thought leadership in the fields of Islamic banking and finance and is dedicated to leading inquiries and convening discussions on the relationships between Islamic faith and economic phenomena pertaining to the behavior of individuals, institutions, and markets.

Muhammad Bin Hamad Al Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization (CMCC)

CMCC grants non-Arabic speakers access to scholarly works, which highlight the contributions Muslims have made to human civilization by translating a selection of the Great Books of Islamic Civilization into English and other major languages.

Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE)

CILE leads the reform and renewal of contemporary Islamic legal and ethical thought and behavior by contributing to a sustainable ethical framework for addressing contemporary global challenges.
Al-Qaradawi Center for Islamic Moderation and Renewal (QCIMR)

QCIMR is devoted to promoting moderation and the revival of Islamic thought through research, which envisions a society built on moderation, cooperative openness, and enlightened justice, and is informed by a body of knowledge that addresses contemporary issues. These issues include human rights, the status of women and the family, environmental problems, challenges of war and peace, violence and terrorism, and corruption.

Islamic Bibliographic Info Repository (IBIR)

IBIR is a CIS resource center to showcase all CIS research and publications of faculty and research staff, student theses, events, and reports published that are truly academic in nature. It acts as a repository and a permanent portal of access to resources for the CIS community to create a better impact and enhance CIS’ visibility, especially in the scholarly community. It includes a component on a much-needed databank in niche areas related to Islamic economics and finance.
Research Clusters

Research clusters are designed to provide a network-based, resource-rich environment to produce collaborative research outcomes. A total of 30 projects have been awarded research grants through the first and second cycles of the research clusters to date.

The broad, cross-disciplinary themes for the research clusters include:

**Islamic Finance and Moral Economy**
Explores the relationships between the Islamic faith, the economic phenomenon, moral economies, and technological developments such as fintech, blockchain, and digital financing, within the Islamic finance industry.

**Religion, Science and Education**
Critically analyzes some of the most pressing issues regarding science education in contemporary Muslim societies, and generates approaches and recommendations to address them.

**Islam, Civilization, and History**
Explores Islamic civilizational aspects in order to develop further the understanding of the Islamic contribution to human civilization.

**Sustainable Development**
Hosts theoretical debates and practical discussions revolving around institutional dynamics, contextual barriers, and other factors that affect sustainable development within the Muslim world.

**Islam and Global Affairs**
Explores the solutions that Islam provides to the issues, which affect humanity globally.

**Religion and Innovation**
Addresses the 21st-century challenges and their impact on Islamic jurisprudence and the development of innovative Islamic solutions that meet the needs of Muslims in their daily lives.

**Identity and Urban Life**
Brings together contemporary theoretical and critical discourses in relation to the identity and urban life, while highlighting the overlap of Islamic values, Muslim identities, and urbanization.

**Applied Ethics**
Focuses on the practical application of ethical concepts, particularly those emanating from Islamic sources, to address contemporary moral and ethical dilemmas.
At a Glance

6 Programs
- PhD in Islamic Finance and Economy
- Master of Arts in Applied Islamic Ethics
- Master of Arts in Contemporary Islamic Studies
- Master of Arts in Islam and Global Affairs
- Master of Science in Islamic Art, Architecture and Urbanism
- Master of Science in Islamic Finance

164 Students
across the College

60+ Nationalities
across HBKU

Qatari Students (21%)

679 CIS Alumni
College Programs
Doctor of Philosophy in Islamic Finance and Economy

The PhD in Islamic Finance and Economy is an innovative multidisciplinary program that provides students with the required analytical and research skills to understand, analyze, and interpret the workings of the rapidly expanding Islamic financial services and market sectors, and to tackle their emerging challenges and opportunities. The program is centered on the national priorities as set out in the Qatar National Vision 2030, on the local aspirations as enshrined in the objectives of the Shari’a, and on global targets such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

A key motivation for the PhD program is to develop unique and innovative approaches for the continuous transformation of economies to be more responsible, inclusive, and resilient. The policy relevance for Islamic finance continues to increase, alongside the need to understand and integrate concepts such as responsible finance, green finance, and circular economies.

Program Focus
The program focuses on Qatar’s economy and businesses with expected spillover benefits in the region and globally. In this sense, the program’s curriculum philosophy and content are unique as they refer to local values, national targets, and international goals. It also seeks to develop synergy between the three through transformation, social entrepreneurship, and shared prosperity and well-being.

The following are the main features of the program:

Quantitative foundation:
Examine how to critically investigate and analyze the relationship between finance, economics, and Shari’a by using both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.

Shari’a studies:
Acquire the abilities to interweave the tenets and values of Shari’a with the theory and practice of finance and economics, and develop a mindset to analyze, innovate, and create solutions to contemporary challenges.

Social entrepreneurship:
Promote innovation, original thinking, and entrepreneurial creativity and acumen in applying Islamic finance and economics theories in Qatar and other circular economy contexts.

Sustainability:
Provide students with an in-depth understanding of the pivotal role played by entrepreneurs in developing circular economy businesses and promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth and wealth.

Responsible finance and economics:
Foster a deep understanding of environmental, social, and governance concerns and analysis of Islamic finance and economic principles, through which students become prepared to participate effectively in reforming theories, practices, and policies.

Curriculum
A 54-credit program taught in English that includes:

- Five core courses (15 credits)
  - Applied Econometrics
  - Applied topics in Usul Al Fiqh and Maqasid Al Shari’a
  - Circular Economy and Comprehensive Development: An Islamic Perspective
  - Entrepreneurship, Ethics, and Sustainability
  - Islamic Financial Structuring: Strategies and Contracts

- Two elective courses (6 credits)
  - Students can select one course from the available courses offered in the program.
  - Students can select one course from the available PhD course catalogs of other HBKU Colleges.

- Thesis (33 credits)
  - This component includes dissertation proposal seminars, dissertation progress workshops, and dissertation defense seminars, in addition to a pre-dissertation comprehensive examination.

International scholarship students can study for a maximum of four years, and Qatar-based working students may study for up to six years.
Master of Arts in Contemporary Islamic Studies

The MA in Contemporary Islamic Studies offers students a unique opportunity to enjoy a strong multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary graduate education across a range of core subjects, while also enabling them to pursue a specialization in one important area within the field of modern Islamic scholarship.

The program is tailored to examine traditional Islamic knowledge and place such knowledge in the context of the challenges faced by modern society. Islamic Studies is a discipline that is widely taught in universities across the world. However, the blended combination of specialties and research offered at HBKU is especially unique.

Program Focus
The MA in Contemporary Islamic Studies program covers Islamic knowledge sources and addresses the role they play in understanding pressing issues in the contemporary world. The program focuses on teaching the skills required to produce graduates with exceptional knowledge of Islam in the modern context and significant critical thinking. It develops graduates who can practice the values of moderation and gain an understanding of present-day challenges that have grown more complex as a result of pluralism and globalization.

Curriculum
A 36-credit degree program taught over two years that includes:

Three foundation courses (9 credits)
- Foundations of Islamic Thought
- Contemporary Quranic and Hadith Studies
- Applied Research Methodologies in Islamic Studies

A choice of two specializations (9 credits)
- Fiqh and Society (taught in Arabic)
  - Non-textual Legal Sources
  - Fatwa, Family and Society, and Fiqh
  - Politics and the State
- Contemporary Islamic Thought (taught in English)
  - Islam and Modernity
  - Islamic Thought and Postcolonial Studies
  - Islamic Law and Society

Three elective course (9 credits)*
Thesis (9 credits)

*Students can select up to three elective courses from the range of options offered within each specialization. Students also have the option of selecting one elective course from the CIS catalog.
The MS in Islamic Finance is a specialized program that teaches qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis in both Islamic and conventional finance. This innovative program has been developed to offer students a unique opportunity to enjoy a strong multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary graduate education across a range of core subjects. It also enables participants to pursue a specialization in one of several important areas within the field of Islamic Finance, including Banking Operations and Risk Management, and Corporate Finance and Asset Management.

The mixed philosophy of the program enables graduates to attain the skills needed to understand the global financial system, and proposes viable alternatives to existing models, by blending guidance from Shari'a with modern scientific knowledge and the techniques of economics and finance. This popular master’s program is one of an extremely limited number of top-tier specialized Islamic Finance programs globally.

**Program Focus**

Islamic banking in Qatar constitutes approximately 25 percent of local banking activity. The MS in Islamic Finance program is focused on giving graduate students a greater understanding of the practical business applications of Shari'a. By emphasizing practical as well as theoretical aspects of Islamic finance, students are better able to address global opportunities and participate effectively in business and financial sectors.

**Curriculum**

A 36-credit degree program taught over two years in English that includes:

- **Five core courses (15 credits)**
  - Principles and Objectives of Islamic Law
  - Islamic Financial Contracts
  - Islamic Economics and Development in Theory and Practice
  - Islamic Banking and Financial Markets in Theory and Practice
  - Research Methods

- **A choice of two concentrations (12 credits)**
  - Islamic Banking and Risk Management
    - Analysis of Financial Statements with Applications to Islamic Banks
    - Islamic Financial Services Development: Legal and Regulatory Issues
    - Risk Management with Applications to Islamic Banks
    - Elective*
  - Islamic Asset and Fund Management
    - Applied Quantitative Methods in Islamic Finance
    - Islamic Asset and Fund Management
    - Islamic Corporate Finance
    - Elective*

- **Thesis (9 credits)**

*Students can select an elective course from a set range of options provided within the program.
In light of contemporary developments in the integration of Islamic art and its reformulation in modern architecture, there is a growing need for experts who are able to combine heritage with contemporary techniques and trends through providing innovative architectural and urban design solutions. The MS in Islamic Art, Architecture and Urbanism is a multidisciplinary program conducted in collaboration with the University of Oxford in the UK. It aims to equip future designers, curators, and historians with a critical and informed understanding of Islamic art and architecture, in order to create and publish socially relevant material that promotes self-identity in the region.

This program encourages research towards safeguarding Islamic cultural heritage by examining the contextual history of Islamic art, architecture, and urbanism. Graduates of this program will be able to pursue careers in Islamic art history, contemporary mosque architecture, and sustainable urbanism fields. The program is comprehensive in nature, as it delves into the art, architecture, and urbanism of a wide range of Islam-influenced civilizations. It offers specializations that aim to develop critical tools for the analysis of buildings and public spaces at different scales, and advanced skills for their application in architectural design projects. Another track endeavors to develop expertise in the study and display of historical objects and the deep understanding and appreciation required to exhibit such objects. The program utilizes creative platforms outside the traditional classroom, such as collaborative workshops by international figures in the field, a lecture series in collaboration with the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, and opportunities to explore different countries in the Islamic world every year. It is a personalized program that enables students to understand current dynamics in the field using the skills acquired during the course of study.

**Program Focus**
The MS in Islamic Art, Architecture and Urbanism program is unique in focus, structure, and content with no similar program being offered in the Islamic world. The program focuses on the critical construction, acquisition, dissemination, and application of art history, architecture, and urbanism to international institutions in general, and more specifically to diverse Islamic societies.

**Curriculum**
A 36-credit degree program taught over two years in English that includes:

**One foundation course (3 credits)**
- Qur'anic Civilizations, Geography, and Archaeology

**Six core courses (18 credits)**
- History of Islamic Art and Architecture I (650-1250)
- History of Islamic Art and Architecture II (1250-1900)
- Independent Project Modelling
- Research and Design Methods
- Survey of Architectural Typologies of the Islamic World
- Sustainable Islamic Urbanism: Past and Present

**A choice of three specializations (9 credits)**

- **Specialization I: Islamic Arts:**
  - History and Cultural Display
  - Islamic Objects and Manuscripts
  - Museum and Exhibition Studies

- **Specialization II: Contemporary Mosque Architecture**
  - Islamic Architecture and Urbanism in the 20th and 21st Centuries
  - Mosque Architecture Design
  - Elective*

- **Specialization III: Sustainable Cities of Muslim Societies**
  - Contemporary Cities for Muslim Societies
  - Globalization, Cities, and Urban Policies
  - Elective*

**Thesis (6 credits)**
*Students can select an elective course from the program, or from the catalogs of HBKU’s College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) or HBKU’s College of Science and Engineering (CSE).
College Programs

Master of Arts in Islam and Global Affairs

The MA in Islam and Global Affairs (IGA) is a one-of-a-kind program that provides an opportunity to analyze the place of Islam in the context of global affairs, and the interconnected challenges facing global Muslim communities from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The program encourages students to be active, autonomous, and critical contributors in their chosen field of research. Through research and integrative lab assignments, they are able to explore complex, interconnected global issues in collaboration with local and international organizations. Graduates of this program will possess the skills to become multidimensional ethical global leaders and change makers.

Students of the program analyze how Islam promotes a concern for human well-being and dignity on a global level. They develop a deeper understanding of how the values of Islamic teachings promote peace and cooperation across cultures, religions, and geographies.

Program Focus
The purpose of the MA in IGA is to provide opportunities to examine issues pertaining to Islam and global developments by utilizing innovative teaching and learning strategies. The program offers both traditional and disruptive learning tools, techniques, and methods to study the complex relationships between Islam, human development, and economic transformation in the Muslim world and globally.

The student-centered approach and individualized learning experience embodies a global focus, interdisciplinary approach, and practical scope, through the utilization of multiple creative components.

Integrative Lab (I-Lab): Students are supported with creative design, thinking tools, and production platforms. I-Labs provide personalized working spaces and international exposure to enable them to work on and develop solutions to a global problem.

Curriculum
A 36-credit degree program taught over two years in English that includes:

Three foundation courses (9 credits)
- Introduction to Islam & Global Affairs
- Islamic Worldview
- Research Methods

Three core courses (9 credits)
- Global Inequalities
- Islam, Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding
- Globalization and Faith-Based Development

Two specialization courses (6 credits)
- Special Topics in Islam & Global Affairs
- A choice of one specialization course out of two options:
  - Islam and Global Governance
  - Humanitarian Action in the Muslim World

I-Lab (3 credits)
Thesis (9 credits)
Master of Arts in Applied Islamic Ethics

The first program of its kind worldwide, the MA in Applied Islamic Ethics addresses how Islam, as a world religion with a rich moral heritage, engages with and contributes to global moral discourses. Its strong interdisciplinary character combines in-depth knowledge of both theoretical and applied ethics rooted in the Islamic tradition. The program is consistent with the Qatar National Vision 2030 by enhancing a knowledge-based society and with HBKU’s mission to develop world-class interdisciplinary academic programs.

Graduates of this program will have the skills to continue their academic studies at the PhD level in the many fields covered in this program. They may also choose to work in a professional environment by regulating ethical guidelines and policies in government and private institutions active in a wide range of areas, including biomedical sciences, engineering, business, politics, family, migrant labor, and human rights — in Muslim and Western contexts.

Program Focus
The MA in Applied Islamic Ethics is designed to equip students with the skills required to master the tools of theoretical ethics and how they can be applied to address leading-edge ethical dilemmas from the perspective of the rich Islamic ethical tradition.

The overall structure of the program is designed to balance two main aspects: ‘the academic aspect’ of Islamic ethics, through a scholarly approach rooted in the Islamic scholarly tradition; and ‘the applied aspect’, to improve students’ skills in addressing the vexing ethical dilemmas and questions that people face in contemporary times—adding critical value to professional qualifications.

Curriculum
A 36-credit degree program taught over two years in English that includes:

Two foundation courses (6 credits)
- Islamic Ethics: Mapping the Field
- Research Methods and Sources on Ethics

Two theoretical courses (6 credits)
- Scriptural Ethics: Ethics in Qur’an and Sunnah
- Theological and Philosophical Ethics

A choice of five electives out of twelve options (15 credits)*
- Ethical Reasoning and Moral Decision-Making
- Islamic Bioethics
- Ethics of Migration and Human Rights
- Islamic Ethics of Pandemics
- Business Ethics
- Peace, War, and Politics of Ethics
- Gender and Islamic Ethics
- Ethical Issues in Psychology
- Environmental Ethics
- Art and Ethics
- Comparative Religious Ethics
- Ethics in Science and Technology

Thesis (9 credits)
*With approval, students can also choose either a tutorial or internship as an elective.
Applicants seeking admission to the graduate programs at the College of Islamic Studies should have a strong academic record (minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4.0) from a recognized university.

Applicants to the masters programs should have a bachelor’s degree while applicants to the PhD program should have a master’s degree.

PhD applicants are also required to submit a valid GRE General Test or GMAT score at the time of application.

PhD applicants must demonstrate strong evidence that they possess the qualities to become successful researchers and professionals. This includes outstanding performance in relevant coursework, as well as a proven track record of high motivation and commitment to innovative and original research. Applicants with prior research and work experience in financial services and related fields are preferred.
Please refer to the following table for a summary of the admission criteria:

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<td>Islamic Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Religious Studies, or related areas in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences with appropriate experience.</td>
<td>IELTS: 6.5 or TOEFL:79 Further details about the language proficiency requirement and the process to seek exemption (where this is an option) are available on the website: admissions.hbku.edu.qa</td>
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<td>Specialization in Contemporary Islamic Thought</td>
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<td>Must demonstrate proficiency in Arabic through previous studies (e.g. completing an undergraduate degree in which the language of instruction was Arabic or by completing a proficiency examination offered by CIS). In addition, students need to prove their English language proficiency by providing a score equivalent to TOEFL 35-45 or IELTS 5. Exemption is possible if applicants have studied in English.</td>
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Application Requirements

Application:
A completed online application form: admissions.hbku.edu.qa

Academic transcripts:
Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system. For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied with an official translation. Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

Standardized test results:
Official copies (where required) must be sent directly to HBKU. Please refer to the institutional codes below:
- GRE: 7551
- GMAT H6S
- TOEFL: 4981
- IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to HBKU

Applicants should also submit copies of their test scores with the online application.

Letters of recommendation:
Applicants should submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an academic referee. Referees should send their letters of recommendation from their professional email directly to recommendations@hbku.edu.qa and mention the name of the applicant and program they are applying to in the subject line of the email.

Letters which are not directly written for this program or which are incomplete will not be accepted.

Personal statement of interest:
Applicants should submit a personal statement as part of the online application. The statement should explain why the candidate is applying to the program, and how their studies will contribute to the achievement of their personal objectives, including information about the applicant’s research interests and achievements (minimum of 300, maximum of 500 words).

Resume/curriculum vitae:
Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae as part of the online application. This should include the following information:
- Academic Qualifications
- Professional Experience
- Publications
- Research Projects
- Academic Awards or Honors
- Conference Presentations

Identification document:
Applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of their online application. Nationals and residents of Qatar should also submit their valid Qatar ID.
Student Funding

The College of Islamic Studies provides opportunities for scholarships and funding on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.
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