

Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education

Introduction

The Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education was officially launched in July 2015 by one of the UAE's most respected business figures; Abdullah Ahmad Al Ghurair. As one of the largest privately funded philanthropic education initiatives in the Arab world, the Foundation is devoted to equipping Arab youth with the knowledge and skills they need to fulfil their promise as the future leaders of the region. It aims to provide access to educational opportunities, through dedicated scholarship programs, for high-achieving, underserved Emirati and Arab youth in the Arab region.

The Foundation's board of trustees is chaired by the CEO of Mashreq Bank, His Excellency Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair; Abdulla Ahmad Al Ghurair's son.

Background

With more than 100 million young people living in the Arab World, the region has one of the highest youth populations in the world. However, many young people do not have access to quality education because they live in rural or conflict affected areas or because they lack the financial means to go to university. The Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education's primary aim is to create opportunities for these young minds and to help prepare them for university, in turn supporting them in their transition to full-time employment.

The Foundation is investing in innovative high impact programs that will help a minimum of 15,000 promising Arab youth from underserved backgrounds and also improve the quality of education at both secondary and tertiary levels. With an initial budget of AED 4.2 billion over the next 10 years, the Foundation will award scholarships based on a highly competitive process.

The Foundation will:

- Work in partnership with the best education institutions in the region and the world.
- Develop innovative partnerships to equalize access to the best education opportunities across the region.
- Promote academic degree programs that address the needs of the local and regional economies.



The Programs

The Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education aims to empower the youth of today to write a new Arab story by designing education programs that are tailored to the needs of the younger generation and that prepare them for the journey of university, work, and life. The Foundation focuses on three programs designed specifically for Arab youth. These are:

1. **Al Ghurair Young Thinkers Program**

This program will widen the pool of Emirati college-ready students through up-skilling programs in English, Math, Science and Innovation.

2. **Al Ghurair STEM Scholars Program**

This program will provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships to high-achieving underserved Arab and Emirati students to study STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in top universities.

3. **Al Ghurair Open Learning Scholars Program**

This program will increase access to high quality education through innovative online and blended learning degrees and credentials offered by select top universities.

Through these programs, the Foundation aims to achieve vast impact over the next 10 years, including:

- **More than 5,000** Emiratis ready for high quality university education
- **15,000** high-achieving and underserved Arab youth studying STEM
- **100,000s of students** reached around the world in cutting edge online learning

The Foundation will also work with the regional and international education community to raise awareness of the increasing need for private philanthropic investment in education.

For more information about the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education please visit: www.alghurairfoundation.org.