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## Work Integrated Learning

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In line with the Foundation's efforts to enhance the employability outcomes of UAE graduates while contributing to the growth of the local knowledge economy, AGF and the University of Waterloo entered an agreement to promote and enhance systematized and comprehensive work-integrated learning in universities in the UAE.

The program aims to:

- Enhance WIL in universities in the UAE
- Support Emiratization goals by connecting young Emiratis to industry through WIL opportunities and increasing their employability
- Establish a national community of practice to connect key stakeholders and evolve WIL in the UAE

The work-integrated learning program has three phases:

### 2022 phase 1

Scoping requirements and viability & planning

### 2023 phase 2

Capacity-building, training, and resourcing

### 2024 phase 2 Continuation

Localized pilot implementation with selected universities

### 2025 phase 3

Ongoing operationalization of WIL as an institutionalized framework with select universities

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During phase one, the Foundation:



### **Conducted:**

scoping activities and extensive stakeholder engagement with selected universities, private sector organizations, students, and Ministry of Education representatives to assess the feasibility of implementing WIL experiences in the UAE.



### **Presented:**

an implementation pilot and WIL model for select universities, which will be launched in phase two.



### **Shared:**

conceptual and operational strategic approaches with select universities outlining a recommended approach and sequence for integrating WIL into their academic track to improve the employability outcomes of their graduates.