

# THE GRADUATE TIMES

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Graduate students with international experience across different countries

Patents by graduate students across different colleges

Ph.D. graduates for the academic session 2022-2023



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# Message from the Dean

Welcome to the AY 2022-2023 issue of *The Graduate Times* – the Official Newsletter of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) at UAEU. As you may know, we offer a broad array of accredited educational programs, including 42 Master's and 26 Doctorate degrees, which enroll over 1500 graduate students. We also offer Dual Degree Programs with one institution (The Education University of Hong Kong) at Master's level and two institutions (KU Leuven and McGill University) at PhD level. This newsletter provides information about our graduate programs and showcases our graduate students experience and



achievements. Graduate students enrolled within our 9 academic colleges contribute to the academic and research mission of UAEU. It is therefore essential to create an environment in which every graduate student will grow and thrive. CGS collaborates closely with all academic colleges and various units in the university to support the academic success, professional development, and personal wellbeing of our graduate students. Furthermore, CGS collaborates with international institutions to establish partnerships on joint and dual degree programs and to facilitate international experience for graduate students. During AY 2022–2023 one student graduated from the Dual PhD program in Chemical Engineering with KU-Leuven (Belgium). A number of students are currently enrolled in the Dual PhD Degree Program with KU Leuven and McGill University (Canada). Dual Master's program in Education with the Education University of Hong Kong will start its first cohort in 2024 New partnerships are under development with The University of Groningen (The Netherlands) and Monash University (Australia).

New programs approved in 2022-2023 included Master of Science in Genomic Medicine in the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, and three new Master's programs in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences including Master of Arts in Arabic Language and Literature, Master of Arts in Communication and Master of Arts in English

Through various extracurricular, social and professional development activities, CGS provides graduate students with the opportunity to interact with their peers. Moreover, the PhD Teaching Academy, which is developed in collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) provides training for doctorate students to become future faculty members and is currently training cohort 7.

I invite you to explore this newsletter to learn more about our graduate programs and the rich experience of our graduate students and their achievements. Thank you for your interest in College of Graduate Studies at UAEU.

#### Professor Ali Al-Marzouqi

Dean, College of Graduate Studies







Lab lignocellulose solution



#### Sabeera Haris

PhD Student, Water Resources, COE

#### **US PATENT**

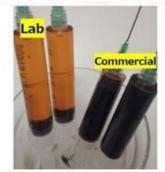
Method for Dissolving lignocellulosic biomass

June 2023



Extractive free lignocellulose





Dissolved lignocellulose solution for electrospinning



MSc in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

#### **JAPAN PATENT**

Combination therapy of safranal and sorafenib for liver cancer

14 June, 2023





#### **Jad Bawab**

PhD in Civil Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Decarbonization of Concrete Through Cement Replacement of Calcium Carbide Residue and Accelerated Carbonation Curing

1 August, 2023





#### **Mohamed Ziauddin**

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Direct Solar Desalination System With Enhanced Desalination

2 May, 2023



#### Md Zishan Akhter

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Self-Adaptive Variable Twist Morphing Blade for Wind Turbine

20 September 2022



#### **Abeer Othman**

PhD in Architectural Engineering, COE

#### **Ameera Mohammad**

PhD in Chemical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Method for Capturing CO<sub>2</sub> From Effluent Gases using A Rice-Derived Product

26 April, 2022

# Hyder Al Abdallah & Mohsin Raza

PhD in Chemical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Thermal Insulating Material Made from Date Palm Surface Fibers

22 February, 2022





**Saleha Al-Mardeai**PhD in Chemical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Membrane Bioreactor for Simultaneous Enzymatic Cellulose Hydrolysis and Product Separation

15 November, 2022

#### Ayshathul Fouzia AbdulGani

PhD, Department of Electrical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

System and Parametric Method for Cancer Discriminations

10 May, 2022



Abdallah Ghazal
PhD in Chemical Engineering, COE

**JAPAN PATENT** 

**Heat Sink** 

11 April, 2022

Jeyaganesh Devaraj & Md. Zishan Akhter

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, COE

#### **US PATENT**

Biodegradable and safe drinking straws from date palm leaves as substitute for plastic straws

24 February, 2022

# Student Awards and Achievements

#### Roshen John Joseph

PhD in Civil Engineering, COE



# Publication in Top 1% Journal (Scopus 2022) First Author

- Paper Title: Shake-table testing and numerical simulation to select the FRCM retrofit solution for flexure/shear deficient RC frames
- Journal: Journal of Building Engineering
- **Supervisor:** Dr. Aman Mwafy, Civil andEnvironmental Engineering Department, COE

Published on: 15 June 2023





#### Manisha Sukhraj Kothari

PhD in Civil Engineering, COE



at A&WMA annual Conference 2023 on 6th June 2023 at Orlando, Florida, USA











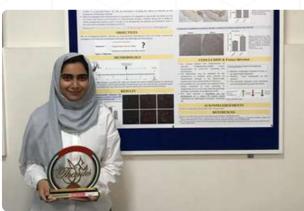


#### Maitha Khalifa Hamdan Al Mansoori

PhD in Leadership and Policy Studies in Education, CEDU

#### **SDG Art Competition Award**

2nd Prize at SDG Art Competition in Al Ain on May 4th, 2023



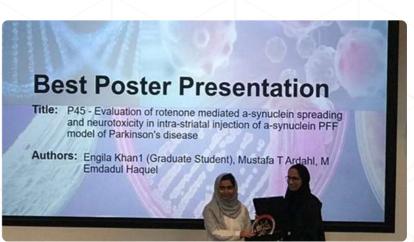
#### **Engila Khan**

Master of Medical Sciences, CMHS

#### **Best Poster**

Presentation at CMHS Research Day 2023 on 21st February 2023







#### Thilina Alawathugoda

PhD in Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

#### **Travel Award**

Travel Award from International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) for poster presentation – 2023 Annual Meeting, June 12 – 18, 2023 in **Boston, USA** 







#### **Muhammad Uba Abdulazeez**

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, COE



Eurasem Award at the 20th International Conference on Experimental Mechanics (ICEM20) on 5th July 2023, in Porto, Portugal

Student Bursary Award at the 16th World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR 2023), on 21 July 2023, in Montreal, Canada





# Student Awards and Achievements



#### **Muhammad Sami Ur Rehman**

PhD in Architectural Engineering, COE

#### **Outstanding Paper Award**

at Emerald Literati Awards 2023, on August 31, 2023, for the paper "Impact of COVID-19 on project performance in the UAE construction industry"



#### **Amanpreet Behl**

PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology, COS

#### **Scientific Leader**

Scientific leader in "34TH INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD", 2nd -11th of July 2023 in Al Ain, UAE





#### Fanan Nssaief Jasim Jameel

PhD in Architectural Engineering, COE

Awarded partial scholarship by European Cultural Academy (ECA) for the course "Branding in Architecture" in Italy and participated the Summer Design Studio under the sponsorship of Ministry of Culture & Youth and UAEU, 31st Jul – 18th Aug 2023, Venice, Italy

#### **Ameer Alakkal**

PhD in Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

#### **Best Poster Award**

CGSB XI Symposium (Center for Genomics and System Biology) held on February 22 – 24, 2023 at New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Md Zishan Akhter

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, COE

Best Presentation Award at 8th International Conference on Sustainable and Renewable Energy Engineering (ICSREE-2023), 13th May 2023, Nice, France (Online)

Navjot Kaur
PhD Student, Horticulture, CAVM

Distinguished Student Award, CAVM,
UAEU on 21 June 2023







#### Luqman Ali

PhD in informatics and Computing, CIT

# Best demonstration award at "Abu Dhabi Al connect" - Winner

held on December 12-13, 2022, organized by Technology Innovative Institute TTI.

Winner - Researchers Track UAE hackaton 2023 held on 7th March 2023 in Abu Dhabi - The UAE Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA)

#### **Huned Yusufbhai Materwala**

PhD in Informatics and Computing, CIT

#### **Publication in Top 5% Journal as First Author**

- Journal: Vehicular Communications
- Paper Title: QoS-SLA-aware adaptive genetic algorithm for multi-request offloading in integrated edge-cloud computing in Internet of vehicles
- Supervisor: Dr. Leila Ismail, Computer Science and Software Engineering, CIT

Publication Date: July 26th, 2023





#### Sandeep Suresh Babu

PhD in Mechanical Engineering, COE

#### **Publication in Top 5% Journal as First Author**

- Journal: Virtual and Physical Prototyping.
- Paper Title: Recent developments in the application of machine-learning towards accelerated predictive multiscale design and additive manufacturing.
- Supervisor: Prof. Abdel-Hamid Ismail Mourad, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, COE.

Published on: 20 November 2022

#### **Ziad Sabry Khalaf**

Master of Medical Sciences, CMHS

#### **Best Student Oral Presentation**

at the 2nd UAE Anatomy Conference, Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine & Health Sciences, Dubai for the project "Characterization of proliferative stem cells in the ceruminous gland of mice" on 10th of June 2023, conducted at the lab of Prof. Sherif M. Karam.







#### Chancellors Innovation Awards 2022 - 2023 Winners

#### **Health Category**

• Aisha Abdallah Aleissaee, MEM, COE

#### Renewable Energy Category

- Sabeera Haris, PhD Student, Water Resources, COE
- Labeeb Ali, PhD in Chemical Engineering, COE
- Mohamed Shafi, PhD in Chemical Engineering, COE

#### **Technology Energy Category**

• Md. Zishan Akhter, PhD in Mechanical Eng., COE

#### **Transportation Energy Category**

• Babitha Philip, PhD in Civil Engineering, COE

#### **Water Resources Category**

- · Ayesha Alam, PhD in Horticultural Sciences, CAVM
- Dr. Ameera Mohammad, PhD Alumna in Chemical Eng., COE
- Dr. Aya Abdel-Hamid Mourad, PhD Alumna in Chemical Eng., COE









# Student **International Experience**











#### **Meghry Nazarian**

PhD in Leadership and Policy Studies in Education, CEDU

ECER 2023: European Conference on Educational Research 2023, 23rd August 2023 in Glasgow, Scotland

ICLHE 2023: International Conference of Learning in Higher Education 2023, 28th March 2023, in **Chiang Mai, Thailand** 





#### Meirah Ali Alzeyoudi

MSc in Space Science, COS

EGU 23-Conference, 23-28 April 2023, in Vienna, Austria

#### **Navjot Kaur**

PhD in Horticultural Science, CAVM

Worked in the Institute of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, and Centre for Research in Biotechnology for Agriculture (CEBAR) Universiti Malaya with Dr. Zuliana Razali, May 20th – June 2nd 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia





#### **Neena Gopinathan Panicker**

PhD in Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

Presented at the 7th National Congress of the Italian Society for Virology, June 25 - 27, 2023, in **Brescia, Italy** 

Presented work at the 48th Annual Meeting on Retroviruses, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, May 22 -27, 2023, in New York, USA

#### Ayade Salah Ayade Abdelmalk

MSc in Mathematics, COS

UAEU-presenter at the International Conference on Informatics and Mathematical Sciences, 22nd - 24th Dec 2022, in Addu, Maldives







#### Fareeha Jamal

PhD in Mathematics, COS

Attended summer school CIMPA School on Graph Structure and Complex Network Analysis", June 4th-16th, 2023, in **Şirince**, **Turkey** 

Keynote Speaker at Third Edition of International Women in Mathematics Day 2023 Conference at Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi

#### Roshen John Joseph

PhD in Civil Engineering, COE

Presented the research paper titled 'A Systematic Methodology for Prioritizing Seismic Retrofit Alternatives' at the 8th International Conference on Structural Engineering and Concrete Technology (ICSECT 2023), 30th March 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal.



Presented the research paper titled 'Evaluation of Retrofit Effectiveness and Cost Implications of MRF Structures using Different FRCM Composite Systems' at the 12th International Structural Engineering and Construction Conference (ISEC-12, 2023) 15th August 2023, in Chicago, USA (online).

#### Mitha Al Balushi

PhD in Public Health, CMHS

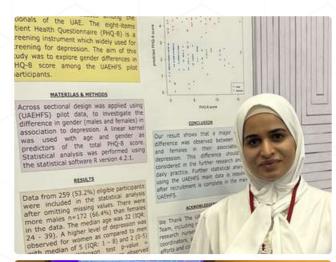
Presented and published abstract during the 17th World Congress on Public Health, 2nd-6th of May 2023, Rome, Italy

Presented during International Summit on Public Health and Preventive Medicine May 8th-10th 2023, Brussels, Belgium

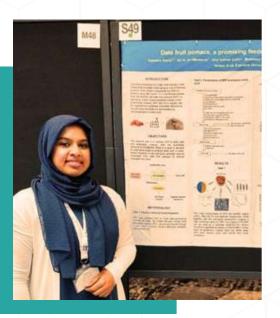
Presented during the 10th Edition - World Congress on Nursing Education & Practice on July 17th-18th, 2023. Nursing Congress 2023 at Frankfurt, Germany.

Presented during the 6th Eastern-European Conference of Mental Health & 3rd International Public Mental Health Conference, 13th – 15th of October 2022, in Zagreb, Croatia.

Presented and published abstract during the 15th European Public Health Conference, EUPHA, 9th-12th of November 2022 in Berlin, Germany.







#### Sabeera Haris

PhD Student, Water Resources, COE

Poster presentation at 45th Symposium of Biomaterials, Fuels & Chemicals in Portland, April 30 – May 3, 2023 in Oregon, USA

#### Manisha Sukhraj Kothari

PhD in Civil Engineering, COE

Poster presentation at AEESP Research and Education conference June 20th – June 22nd, 2023, in **Boston, Massachusetts, USA** 



#### Wadha Khalifa AlFalasi

PhD in Physics, COS

Attended Workshop on In Silico Quantum Modelling Studies, 30th Oct – 2nd Nov 2022, in New-Delhi – India

MRS conference- Poster presentation, 27th Nov-2nd Dec 2022, in **Boston – USA** 

Visited Prof. Feng Yuan Ping in the National University of Singapore for research collaboration, 20th June – 28th June 2023, in NUS-Singapore



**Asma Gul Yousaf Khan**Master of Education (Educational Leadership),
CEDU

Successfully completed United Nation Young Leaders Online Training Program (Multilateral Diplomacy)—By United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on July 24th to August 18th, 2023, Geneva, Switzerland (Online)

**Engila Khan**Master of Medical Sciences, CMHS

Participated virtually as a poster presenter at the AD/PD™ 2023 International Conference on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases and related neurological disorder March 28th – April 1st, 2023, in Gothenburg, Sweden





Najwa Qasem Al Bouzieh PhD in Physics, COS

Attended Research Conference: International Workshop on Advanced Materials (IWAM), March 20th – March 22nd, 2023, in Las Vegas, USA (Online)



**Faisal Baig** 

PhD Student, Water Resources, COE

Presented at American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2022 international conference, December 11th-16th 2022, in Chicago, USA

Presented at International Precipitation Conference (IPC 14) at University of Oklahoma, June 5th - 9th, 2023, in Oklahoma, USA





#### Narender Kumar

PhD in Physics, COS

Visited National University of Singapore, June 17th – July 5th, 2023, in **Singapore**.

Resource person: international workshop on Materials Modeling through Machine Learning and SIESTA on 14th – 19th April 2023, in Himachal, India

Resource person in international workshop on Experimental and Simulation Solution for Developing Novel Sustainable Materials on 8th-10th Feb 2023, in Raipur, India (online)

Invited Talk on Research Opportunities in Material Science 28 Oct 2022, at Himachal Pradesh, India









#### **Muhammad Sami Ur Rehman**

PhD in Architectural Engineering, COE

12th International Conference on Engineering, Project, and Production Management (EPPM2022), October 12-14, 2022, Athens, Greece (Online)

9th Zero Energy Mass Custom Home (ZEMCH) 2022 International Conference, November 3-5, 2022, **Bangalore**, **India (Online)** 

The 45th Australasian Universities Building Education Association Conference (AUBEA 2022), November 23-25, 2022, Sydney, Australia (Online)



#### Huned Yusufbhai Materwala

PhD in Informatics and Computing, CIT

Visiting Ph.D. Researcher at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, Department of Infrastructure Engineering, The University of Melbourne, 10th July 2023 – 22nd August 2023, in Melbourne, Australia

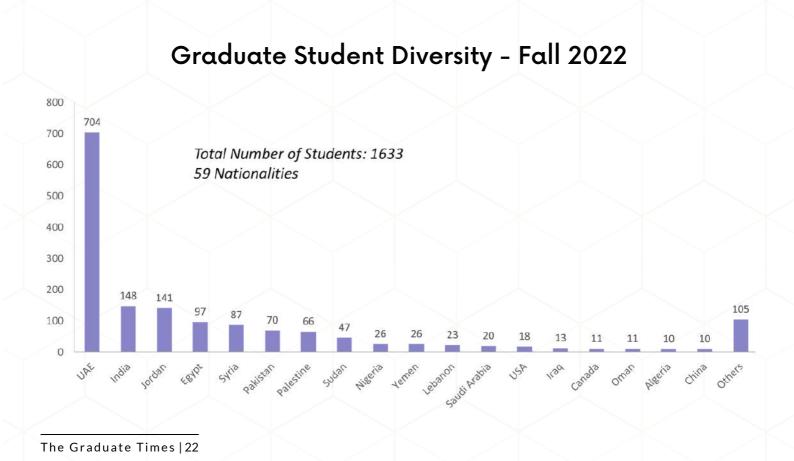




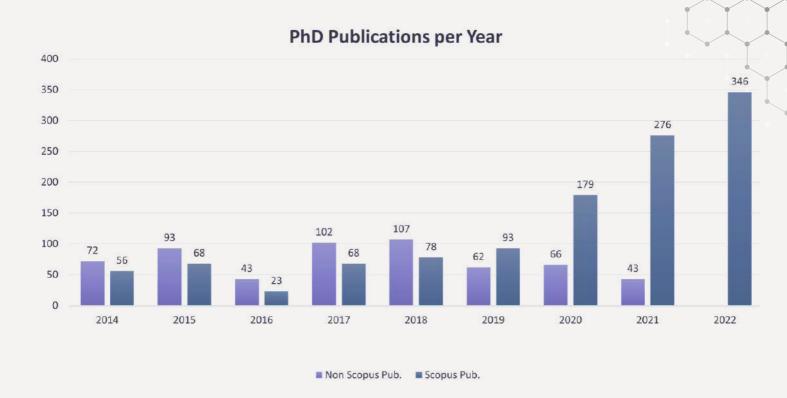
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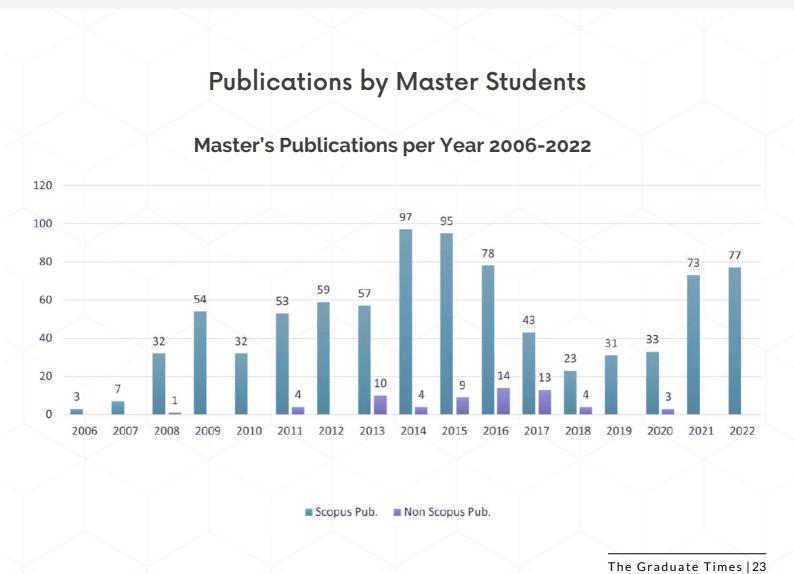
## Student Enrollment in Graduate Programs

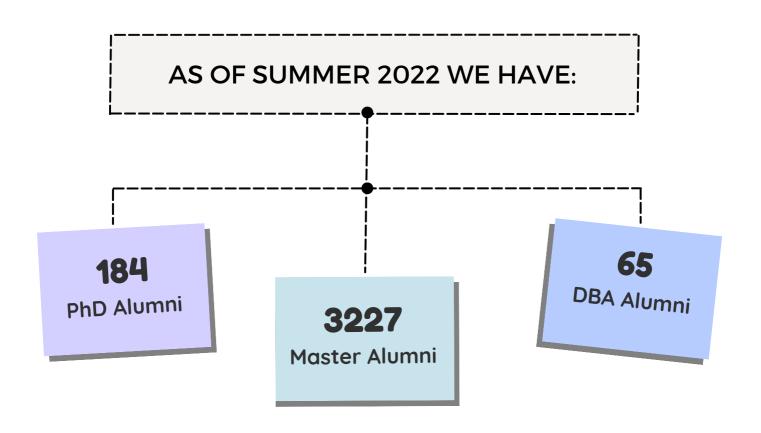


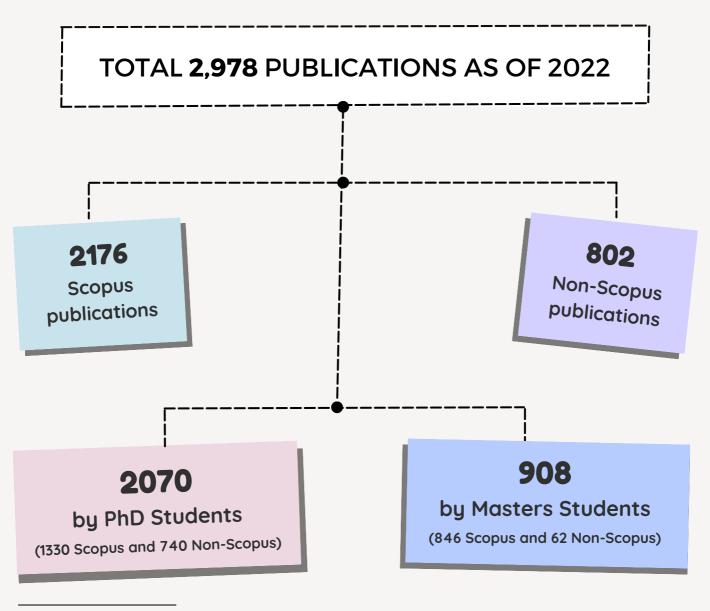


## **Publications by PhD Students**









# CGS TRIP TO

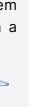
## ABU DHABI NATIONAL AQUARIUM

CGS organized a trip for 58 graduate students and their families to the National Aquarium and Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi on Sept 10th, 2022. The students had a great time with their families experiencing the wonders of marine life and the graceful grandeur of the Mosque. The Aquarium and Grand Mosque visits were accompanied by guided tours, thus making it an amazing learning experience as well.



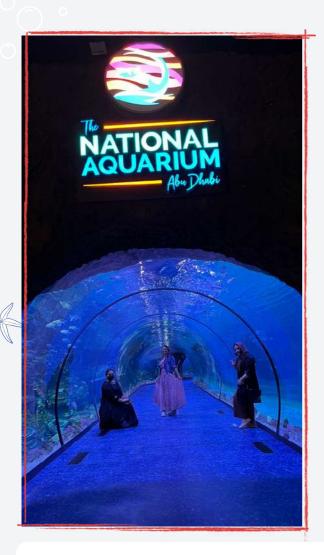
"On Saturday, Sep 10th, 2022, we went on a trip to The National Aquarium Abu Dhabi, followed by a visit to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and its attached Souq Al Jami'. At the aquarium, we were welcomed by two tour guides (educators) assigned to our group. We went on a full journey around the aquarium, where we saw all the exotic sea creatures and other animals. We then had a boat ride with transparent flooring, where we were able to see various fish swimming below the boat, and walked on a glass bridge where we could admire the marine life from above. We also visited their treatment facilities, where they bring injured sea creatures to treat them and once fully healed, release them back into their natural habitat. Finally, we went for a walk in a tunnel surrounded by all the beautiful fish."

- Sanabil Ali, PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences









"The National Aquarium trip was very nice and well-organized. Appreciate the team behind this. Thank you for everything!"

- A Graduate Student

"Very nice experience. The tunnel is amazing. Beautiful sharks. The birds in the jungle area fly freely. Saw some really beautiful fish."

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- Sonal Jain, Postdoctoral fellow, College of Science

"The National Aquarium in AD was a wonderful place, where we saw variety of fish and sea animals. We experienced walking under the fish tunnel, the boat with glass window to view the deep ocean creatures, and open space animals area. It was a great trip from UAEU Graduate Studies Team."

- Afra Alhumaidi, Master Student, College of Science

"It was not only refreshing but informative too. Enjoyed the whole trip to the fullest. I will definitely recommend it for future as well."

- A Graduate Student

"My daughter was on cloud #9 during the trip as she witnessed certain sea creatures outside the screen for the first time in her life"

- Mohamed Shafi, PhD Student, College of Engineering



#### TRIP TO SHEIKH ZAYED MOSQUE



"After the Aquarium, we went to Souq Al Jami' for lunch before our scheduled tour at Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. The mosque is a true masterpiece, and no words can truly do it justice. The tour guide walked us through the mosque while he told us its fascinating history, like the number of pillars and domes, the amount of gold used in the design, the hand-drawn decorations & hand-made carpets, the massive chandeliers, the number of prayer rooms and their capacities, and the designs and meanings behind each one. We concluded our tour by visiting the mausoleum of H. H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan (may his soul rest in eternal peace), who had unfortunately passed away before the completion of the mosque."

- Sanabil Ali, PhD Student, College of Medicine & Health Sciences









# TRIP TO



# INFINITY DES LUMIÈRES

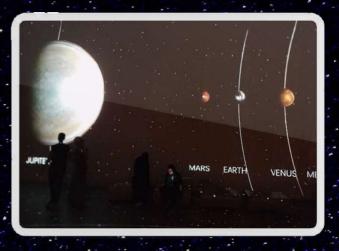
On Saturday, Sep 17th 2022, CGS organized an educational visit to Infinity des Lumières at Dubai mall. It is a digital museum that shows pieces of art with different themes. When our group of 37 students arrived there, they split us up to make it easier for the tour guides to explain to each group. To enhance our understanding of the theme, they distributed flyers to each one of us so that we could get an idea of what we were going to see inside. On this particular date, the theme was Space Discovery and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Development. To increase our excitement, once we passed the entrance gate, everything went pitch black, then a few seconds later the entire room became a giant 360° screen, where no matter where you turned you saw wonderful projections of space. The most notable clips were; the development of space work by the government of UAE, the very first astronaut from UAE, Hazza Ali Al Mansoori and real scenes from his amazing journey to the International space station, the origin of the sun and how far is it positioned from the earth, and scenes of the galaxy and the other planets, especially the discovery of Mars. In the museum there were different fascinating things like a 5x5 meters room made entirely of glass which reflected the light and gave an extra beauty to the place. In addition to that, there was an extra room called the contemporary room which had seats and 180° degree projections of Artificial Intelligence Art. The total duration of the show was more than enough to enjoy and feel the exhilaration of being in space for a while. It was a great trip and is recommended to anyone who is interested in digital art and amazing multi-sensory immersion.

- Mouaz Chkhachirou, MSc in Civil Engineering, COE





"VERY NICE! CAN'T WAIT FOR MORE TRIPS!"



**"BEST TRIP EVER THANK YOU"** 



"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE GREAT TRIP, IT WAS REALLY FUN:)"



"WE REALLY ENJOYED THE SPACE AND THE DUBAI DATA DIGITAL SHOWS AT THE MUSEUM. THANKS!"





# TRIP TO WARNER BROS WORLD



On Saturday, November 5th 2022, CGS planned an entertaining trip to Warner Bros Abu Dhabi, an amusement park that has games and rides for kids and adults based on different comic themes. When we got to the main gates of the park, we first collected our tickets, then took a group photo before starting to enjoy the theme park. Due to the massive size of the park, we had to download the park's map app on our smartphones to choose our destinations. The rides and attractions were divided into Gotham City, Metropolis, Bedrock, Dynamite Gulch, Harry Potter, and Cartoon Junction. They had life-size characters and mascots of Superman, Batman, Joker, the Riddler, the Flintstones, Tom & Jerry, Scooby Doo, and many more. We rode rollercoasters, Ferris wheels, and thrill rides, and even visited 5D cinemas. We also played interactive games and some virtual reality games while wearing 3D glasses. In addition to the admission tickets, each student got a hard copy of their photos to carry as a good memory and also a meal ticket to eat from the large variety of available options. At the end, all of the students were satisfied and experienced moments of joy through this trip.

- Mouaz Chkhachirou, MSc in Civil Engineering, COE





Very delightful and interesting trip, well organized and the duration of the trip was very suitable to go through every part of the park.



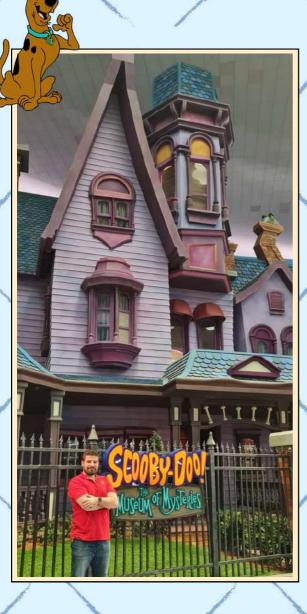
An absolutely amazing trip!
The trip should be arranged again for the students and their families.

It's just awesome. I enjoyed it. You should plan this trip for more students.

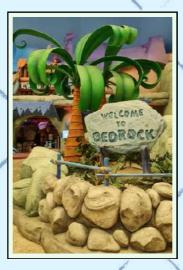


The coordinator was very helpful and kind. The package that was provided for us was absolutely perfect and costeffective. Do arrange it again and soon.















# Trip to Sharjah International Book Fair



On Saturday, Nov 12th 2022, CGS planned an amazing trip to Sharjah International Book Fair, where we found many books on different topics like biography, literature, history, geography, religion, language, science, general life, stories, poems, and other subjects. The most attractive part of a book fair is that books are available from different countries such as India, France, Egypt, and Kuwait. We met many authors who were there to promote and sign their books. We enjoyed sitting in the book cafes with warm cups of coffee and great books. We algot a chance to explore new authors and meet like-minded book lovers from all over the Emirates.

- Amira Gourbal, MSc in Information Security, CIT









"Fun with friends was much needed to release work stress and charge up back again" - Ahmed Thaher Ansari, MSc in Mechanical Engineering, COE

# MEMORABLE WINTER TRIP TO DUBAI

On Saturday, Dec 17th 2022, the Indian Students Club organized a trip to Dubai for graduate students with the active coordination and support from CGS. Hitting some hot spots in Dubai, the trip was mainly distributed to three locations: Dubai Marina, Al Majaz Waterfront, and Al Mamzaar Park. Starting the day 7:30 AM from Al Ain, the first spot was Dubai Marina where we enjoyed a 2-hour yacht ride covering the Dubai Marina, Ain Dubai, and Dubai Atlantis. Charging up the day, the next stop was for afternoon lunch at 'Nayaab Haandi' having delicious authentic Pakistani cuisines. To catch the evening sunset, the spot which followed was Al Majaz Waterfront where kayaking fun was observed with some evening snacks. Our last destination was Al Mamzar where students did some sports playing football and having the late evening fun. The fun filled day ended with beautiful memories to cherish.

- Mohammed Ziauddin, PhD Student, COE

"This was an amazing group experience in my graduate student life" - Ayisha Manzoor, MSc in Software Engineering, CIT

"There must be balance in life, trips like this not only makes your vacation cool, but also accumulates lots of awesome memories"

 Sandeep Suresh Babu, PhD Student, COE "The happiness and continuous motivation in our professional life is driven from supplemented fun and time spent with friends during the breaks"

- Sabeera Haris, PhD Student, COE "Taking break is like healing from nature, and I believe that the occasional group outings helps to release our stress as students and rejuvenates us so we can study well"

- Muhammed Suhail, MSc in Food and Agriculture , CAVM

# Trip to Ferrari World







CGS hosted a trip to Ferrari World Abu Dhabi for the graduate students and their families on Saturday 14th January 2023. It is a great park for enjoying the Ferrari brand with its wide variety of cars. We joined a 5D ride for a tour of Italian cities like Rome, Genoa and Milan. There were also many thrilling games such as G-force, Formula Rossa (the world's fastest coaster) and Flying Aces as well as some family inclusive games. Fun fact, the world's fastest coaster reaches a speed of 149mph in just 5 seconds, and the hydraulic launch system similar to the ones used in aircraft carriers is the reason behind this unimaginable speed. Also, Riding G-Force was not for the faint of heart as the space ride took us 62 meters off the ground and dropped us straight down, falling at a speed of 12 meters per second. The flying aces ride was inspired by the legendary pilot of the "Aces", Count Barraca. The ride is 63 meters long and has an impressive incline of 51 degrees.. In the end, it was a great way to discover the manufacturing of Ferrari cars, as well as Italy.

-- Mouaz Chkhachirou, MSc in Civil Engineering, COE

my family enjoyed it a lot. I recommend to have More trips like this in future.

The trip was absolutely amazing and the package was great too.

Please do more trips like these.

I really enjoyed it. Thanks for organizing such amazing trip.

It was a nice trip, we enjoyed it, thanks!

It was a wonderful trip and wonderful coordination .

The trip was nice and I really had fun.

Excellent trip! The organization was amazing!

It was a very exciting trip.
thank you CGS and the
coordinators for your efforts

The organization is great and we had fun, have similar trips in the future for sure.



# TRIP TO GLOBAL VILLAGE





On 21st January 2023, CGS organized a trip for graduate students and their families to visit the Global Village in Dubai. It was an incredible experience and we were blown away by the diversity of this cultural and entertainment festival. The country pavilions were so fascinating and we loved being able to explore the different cultures and traditions from around the world. From the colorful costumes and traditional dances, to the unique handicrafts and delicious food, each pavilion offered a unique and immersive experience. The rides and attractions were also a lot of fun, and the massive Ferris wheel provided stunning views of the entire festival grounds. The performances and firework displays were also impressive and added to the overall excitement and atmosphere of the event. It was truly an amazing experience that showcased the diversity and beauty of our world, and brought color and bightness to our weekend.

- Rukaiyat Mansur, MSc in Clinical Psychology, CMHS

Thank you for the interesting trip, I enjoyed my time there. I wished if we could have had the chance to stay a little bit longer.

Great trip. Well organized. Excellent coordination.

Had so much fun!

The trip was good, I really wish we could have stayed longer to visit more pavillions.

Thank you for the fun trip, well coordinated and timely. And thank you to the kind coordinator who ensured our safety and comfort throught the trip.

It was great!



## TRIP TO

# **MOTION GATE**









In a whirlwind of cinematic magic, UAE University recently ventured to Motiongate Dubai. unfolded The day with excitement and awe students immersed themselves in the enchanting worlds of Hollywood. DreamWorks, Columbia Pictures, and more. From thrilling rides captivating performances, Motiongate Dubai offered an unforgettable escape, creating shared memories that will linger long after the rides have stopped. Our journey was a testament to the diverse entertainment options Dubai has to offer.

Here's to more adventures together,

- Muhammed Suhail and Mouaz



# TRIP TO MUSANDAM (OMAN)





Our expedition was nothing short of a perfect blend of relaxation and exhilarating activities. Our journey kicked off with an early morning departure from UAE University, setting the tone for an exciting day ahead. The road trip was peppered with anticipation, as we watched the scenery transform from the university campus to the rugged beauty of Musandam. Crossing the border was a breeze. The efficiency of the process ensured that we could quickly resume our journey, eager to explore the hidden gems of Musandam.

Our first adventure awaited as we boarded a traditional dhow for a cruise through Musandam's majestic fjords. The towering cliffs, azure waters, and cool sea breeze made for a serene backdrop. The onboard crew regaled us with tales of the region, enhancing our appreciation for the Omani maritime heritage.

For those seeking an adrenaline rush, the banana boat ride was the perfect choice. Laughter echoed as we clung to the inflatable raft, bouncing over the waves with the stunning Musandam landscape as our backdrop. It was an exhilarating experience that left us with smiles and soaked clothes

The speed boat ride kicked the excitement up a notch. Zooming across the Gulf, we felt the rush of wind and the thrill of speed. The coastal panoramas unfolded before us, showcasing the rugged beauty of Musandam from a different perspective. Kayaking enthusiasts were in for a treat as we glided through calm waters, exploring hidden coves and pristine beaches. The tranquility of the surroundings provided a stark contrast to the adrenaline-pumping activities, offering a serene break in our action-packed day.

As the day unfolded, we relished some downtime on the pristine beaches of Musandam. Soft sands, azure waters, and the company of fellow travelers created the perfect setting for beach games, relaxation, and shared laughter. As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting hues of orange and pink across the Musandam sky, we reluctantly bid farewell to this enchanting oasis. Our return journey to UAE University was filled with animated recounts of the day's adventures, creating lasting memories for us all.

In conclusion, our Musandam expedition was a perfect medley of thrill, relaxation, and natural beauty. It's a testament to the diverse experiences that this region offers, making it an ideal destination for students seeking an exhilarating break from the academic routine.





# TRIP TO MIRACLE GARDEN AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN

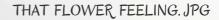
On 28/01/23, seeing the beauty of nature was one of the best thing that happened to us amidst our busy studying schedule. This trip helped us to truly relax, have fun and energize our minds.

The most amazing thing in Miracle garden was the Art, it's not just flowers and green trees it was the harmony between the colors of the fauna and the tiny colored houses which make you feel like Alice in wonderland! The way they made trees in the shape of horses, penguins and bears amazed us.

Have you ever been chased by butterflies?! Well that's what happened to us which was really funny. Because when a pretty butterfly is attracted to you in a field of flowers it makes you actually feel like a flower! From the vivid gardens to the massive trees adorned with the sounds of birds. It felt like paradise!

- Amira Gourbal, MSc in Information Security, CIT







\*Amazing! \*9



It was an amazing trip. The places are awesome, and the arrangement and dedicated time were very good. I hope you continue arranging trips to such places























# **UAEU International Day**

UAE University International Day is an eagerly anticipated annual event that unites the university community in a celebration of diversity and shared accomplishments. Marked by vibrant displays of talent, spirited competitions, and a kaleidoscope of cultural showcases, the day encapsulates the university's commitment to fostering unity and camaraderie among students, faculty, and staff. From engaging exhibitions highlighting academic achievements to thrilling performances showcasing the rich cultural tapestry within the institution, UAE University International Day is a testament to the collaborative spirit that propels this esteemed academic community forward. It's more than an event; it's a joyous reflection of the collective pride and excellence that define UAE University.



























# Graduate Student Stories



**Muhammed Ashraf** 

MSc in Food Science, CAVM

Embarking on my master's journey in Food Science at UAE University has been a transformative experience. The academic rigor, diverse research opportunities, and multicultural environment have shaped me both professionally and personally. Engaging with passionate faculty,



participating in impactful research, and navigating challenges have collectively defined my time here. As I graduate, I carry not just a degree but a rich tapestry of experiences that will undoubtedly influence my future in the field of food science.

#### Rahaf M. Ahmad

Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences. CMHS

"When you reach an obstacle, turn it into an opportunity. You have the choice. You can overcome and be a winner, or you can allow it to overcome you and be a loser. The choice is yours and yours alone. Refuse to throw in the towel. Go that extra mile that failures refuse to travel. It is far better to be exhausted from success than to be rested from failure." -- Mary Kay Ash.











#### **Youssef Shalaby**

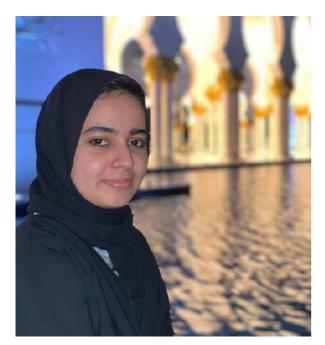
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Driven by continued passion for pharmacy and teaching, I've embarked on a second journey into graduate studies, seeking new challenges. Across continents, I have travelled to different countries. Portugal, Spain, Canada, The UAE, The U.K, Oman, EGYPT, in an unrelenting desire for knowledge with ever burning passion for learning while actively sharpening my interpersonal and professional skills. This graduate pursuit represents not just an academic endeavor but a dynamic and transformative expedition, where my dedication to biomedical sciences and education takes center stage. I decided to study at UAEU because of its prestige and strong reputation as an educational and academic institution. It is also home to a lot of international students including myself. For me, UAEU represents the perfect blend of high-quality education along with a unique living and social experience









**Asma Parveen**Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences. CMHS



Embarking on a PhD journey during the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded as a transformative experience for Asma, a PhD student in Nutritional Sciences, College of medicine and health sciences. Who is actively contributing to a collaborative work on the SIRIUS ground-based analog study, which was taken place in Moscow.

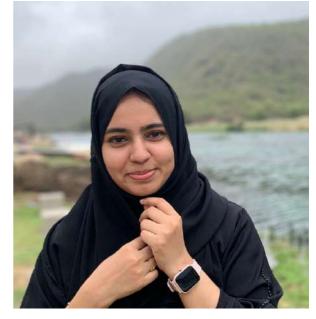
This life science project delves into Bone loss and insulin resistance during an 8-months isolation period with a mixed exercise program in space environment: one step further towards Mars exploration.

For Asma, being part of the "COVID batch" has not only presented challenges but has also opened unexpected doors. As we transition into a post-pandemic era, the continued impact of social isolation has given added relevance to the current analog study. It's as if the stars have aligned, offering the perfect moment to explore how isolation influences everyday lives and overall health.

In the spirit of exploration and resilience, Asma expresses gratitude for the chance to undertake this study at UAEU. It serves as a reminder that, sometimes, opportunities come our way just when we need them the most.

66 Life's abundance is not in what we have, but in the simplicity of balance. When the brushstrokes of perception, and the music of joy that surrounds us

- Asma





Malak Hajar

Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

"In the pursuit of knowledge, every mouse becomes a tiny collaborator. Here's to curiosity, tenacity, and a sprinkle of rodent-inspired brilliance! ""

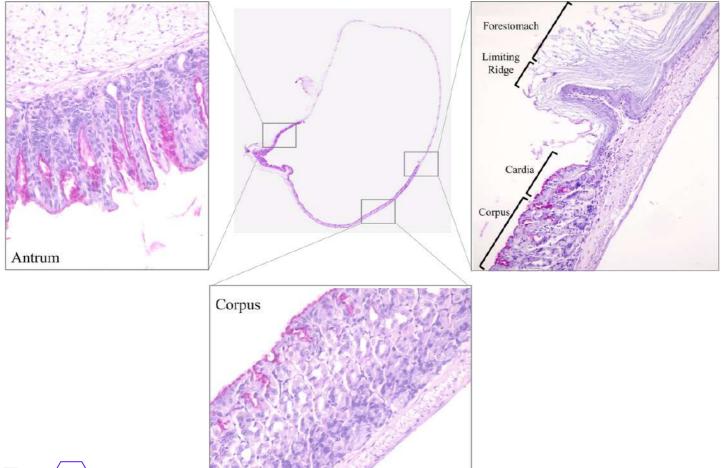


#### Marim Elkashlan

Master of Medical Sciences, CMHS

This year, I am thankfully being introduced to a captivating science; microanatomy, also called histology. One of the fundamental experiments that was done is the investigation of the histology of a mouse full stomach. After the collection, fixation, and processing of the stomach, it was sectioned on several microscopic slides to further examine it. The slide with the number of 126 was selected to be stained with Periodic-Acid Schiff (PAS) to ease the visualization of diverse cells. Initially, I thought that all the stomach features are only visible at microscopic level, using the light microscope. Then, I was taught and guided that we can identify the main stomach regions macroscopically, by our eyes alone. Two main regions that can be distinguished are the nonglandular stomach, .Also known as the forestomach, and the glandular stomach. These two regions are highlighted by the presence of an elevated structure called the limiting ridge. Within the glandular stomach, there are different regions, namely cardia, corpus, and antrum, that are distinguished by their location and the type of cells that are present. Below are peripheral magnified microscopic images of different stomach regions that are displayed out of the montaged image in the center. The montaged image is a result of a collation of many tiny microscopic images. Despite that I am now still far away from being able to properly identify all the different cell types and associate them with their function, I am trying my best so I can be able to do so very soon. If I would precisely describe the beauty of histology, it will be where we are able to evidently see framed microscopic masterpieces of the meticulous ingenuity creation of the almighty creator; Allah.

#### A Microscopic Slide from 2E131









#### **Mouaz Chkhachirou**

MSc in Civil Engineering, COE

Commitment is a reflection of a human's behavior towards the working environment. It's a measurement of how professional is a certain person at dealing with not only his surrounded people, but the whole community as well. Leaving a positive effect on other's dairies is a great factor of increasing the sense of commitment. Thus, we are living in an academic environment that is full of sharing knowledge and experiences for each individual. This develops the sense of learning and committing to ourselves before anyone else. Year by year, day by day, gaining knowledge from a colleague becomes faith in our personalities.

#### **Muhammed Shittu**

Master of Education, CEDU

I am currently pursuing my graduate program at CEDU with my research area in "Instructional Design in Digital Environments." I chose the research area due to my background as a UX engineer, and my research aims to unravel and enhance the user experience on online learning platforms and MOOCs to make instruction more intuitive with a better learning experience. Also, I am engaged in research that enables me to derive actionable insights from user data to improve the learning experience through the use of data collected from online learning platforms and MOOCs. Pursuing my postgraduate studies at the UAE University has been a gratifying experience. I have gained extensive knowledge and skills that have reshaped me both personally and professionally.







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# **MOVIE NIGHT**



The movie night "The Gray Man" that took place in the cinema room on January 19th, 2023 was a massive hit, moviegoers enthusiastically electrifying praising the sequences, captivating performances, and suspenseful plot. The film's heartpounding chases, explosive gunfights scenes kept the audience on the edge of their seats, while the star-studded cast of Ryan Gosling, Chris Evans, and Ana de Armas breathed life into their characters with undeniable charm. Audience enjoyed snacks from variety of options like popcorn, chocolates and drinks while watching tremendous movie.









# **CGS MOVIE NIGHT**





CGS arranged a movie night, and it was just what we needed! The movie they picked was "Hidden Figures," and it was so inspiring. We gathered in the cozy setting with our fellow students, enjoying snacks and the company of friends. After the stress of exams, this movie night was a perfect way to unwind. The story was fascinating, and we all felt motivated by the incredible characters. It wasn't just a movie night; it was a chance to relax, laugh, and share some quality time together after a challenging week of exams. Thanks to CGS for organizing such thoughtful and enjoyable evening!

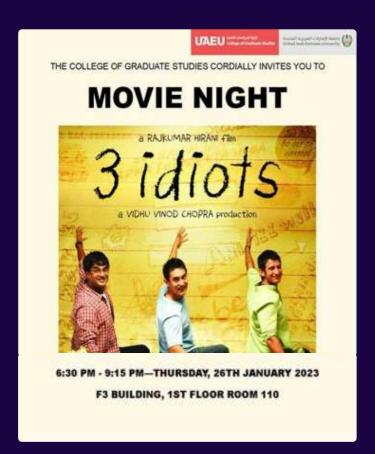








# CGS MOVIE NIGHT



With the winter glimpse accompanied rainy evening, we had a great movie night on Thursday 26th Jan 2023. "3 Idiots" one of my favorite Bollywood movies was on the big screen and watching with my colleague and batchmates marked the start of the weekend time. Since this movie depicted university life, enlightening drawbacks of traditional education system, and showed how engineering students must do practical efforts for real life benefit, this movie actually gave many valuable life lessons. It was a good movie to watch with my colleagues and shared the fun on that evening with a lot of snacks. Overall, it was much needed, and weather was cool, so it made our day end well.











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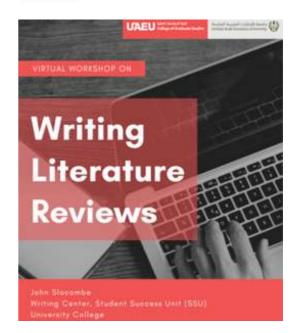
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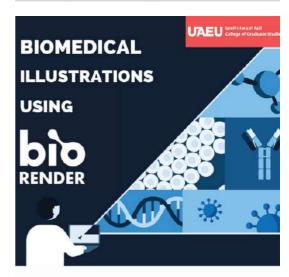


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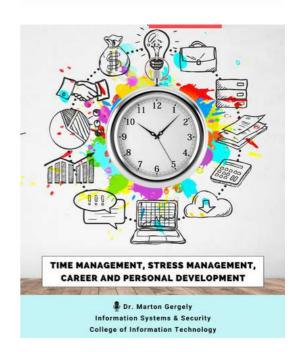
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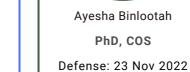
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	Master of Science in IT Management
	Master of Science in Software Engineering
	Master of Science in Internet of Things
	Ph.D. in Informatics and Computing
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LAW	Master of Public Law
	Ph.D. in Law





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Master of Social Work

Master of Governance and Public Policy

Master of Arts in Arabic Language and Literature

Master of Arts in English

Ph.D. Concentration: Arabic Language

Ph.D. Concentration: Arabic Literature and Criticism

Ph.D. Concentration: English Language

Ph.D. Concentration: English Literature and Criticism

Ph.D. Concentration: Mass Communication

Ph.D. Concentration: Geography and GIS

## MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

#### Master of Medical Sciences

- Pharmacology & Toxicology
- Microbiology & Immunology
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology

Master of Science in Human Nutrition

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Master of Science in Genomic Medicine

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences

Ph.D. in Public Health

Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences



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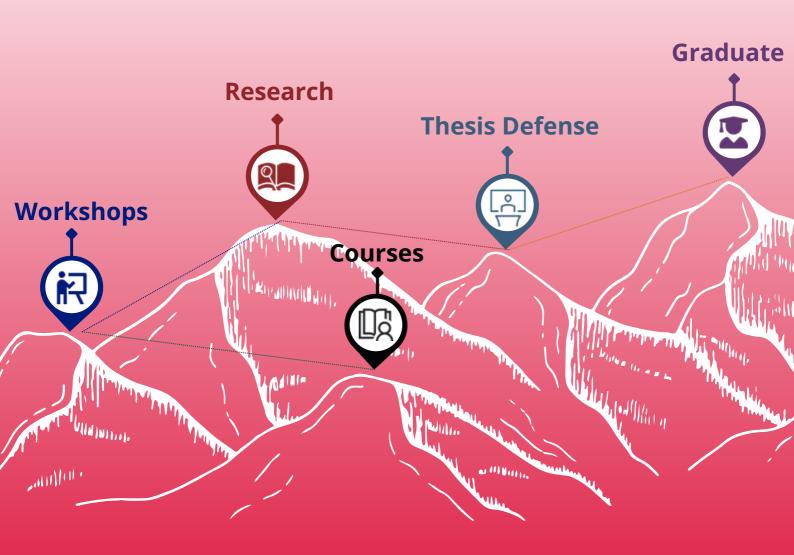












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