



Educating Egypt's Future Leaders



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Qalaa Holdings Scholarship Foundation

“ The Qalaa Holdings Scholarship Foundation is an organization that we hold very dear to our hearts as it encapsulates our belief in education and the potential of Egyptian youth. We are exceptionally proud to have played a role, over the past 10 years, in encouraging and facilitating educational opportunities for our youth as they are truly the key to a better and more prosperous future for our country. ”

Dr. Nabil Elaraby

*Chairman of the Board of Trustees
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Celebrating 10 Years of Educating Egyptian Youth

Every year since 2007 the Qalaa Holdings Scholarship Foundation (QHSF) has been giving approximately 15 of Egypt's brightest students the chance to pursue graduate studies abroad at leading global universities in the U.S. and Europe. By providing youth from cities throughout Egypt with opportunities we are enabling them to make a positive impact on the economic and social well-being of the country.

QHSF was founded by Qalaa Holdings (formerly Citadel Capital) in 2007 as a part of the company's commitment to education and human capital development in Egypt and across the region. To ensure the program's continuity, we established an endowment to fund the activities of the Foundation. Today, QHSF has grown to become the largest private sector funded scholarship program in Egypt. Thus far

the Foundation has granted 138 academic scholarships to talented students who are interested in pursuing Master's degrees and PhD's at international universities worldwide, and if we include our newest 2016 class of scholarship recipients that will be announced at our 10th anniversary celebration in June, we will have proudly awarded more than c.150 scholarships.

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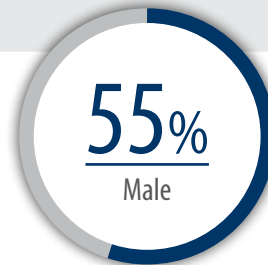
Scholarships & Counting

"QHSF is an extension of our belief that the private sector must help lead positive change. By investing in the graduate education of Egypt's brightest young scholars over the past 10 years we are investing in the future development of the country."

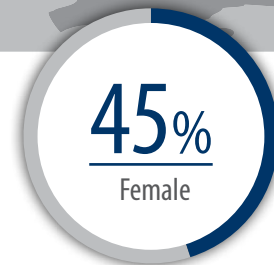
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Our Scholars Represent a Diverse Cross-Section of Egyptian Society

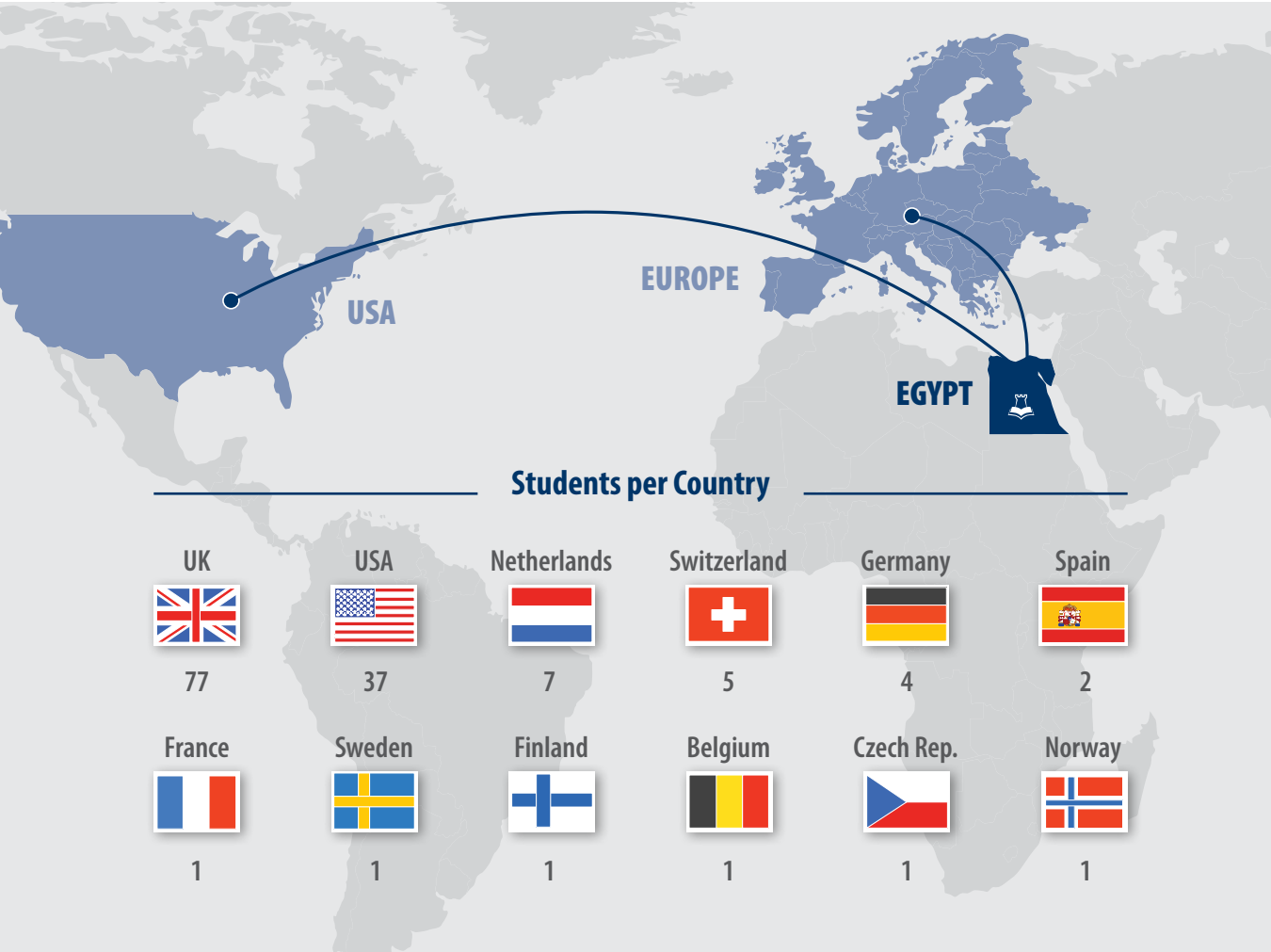


From 12
Egyptian Governorates





Our Scholars Have Studied in 12 Countries Across the Globe



They Study at the Most Prestigious Universities

Universities			



Covering a Wide Variety of Disciplines

Disciplines

Business & Finance	Molecular Medicine	Filmmaking	Bio Engineering
Law	Genetics	Environmental Studies	Archeology
Computer Science	Food Safety	Renewable Energy Systems	Architecture
Entrepreneurship	Economics	Education	Geophysics
Development Finance	Electrical Engineering	Public Health	Economic Policy
Cancer Research	Historic Preservation	Industrial Systems	Computer Science
Agriculture	Urban Planning	Nuclear Engineering	Applied Mathematics

As a Condition of Acceptance, QHSF Scholars Pledge to Return and Contribute to Egypt

Following the completion of their studies our scholars have returned to Egypt and made significant contributions in their respective fields. From nanotechnology to public policy, heritage conservation to political development, QHSF scholars are a remarkable group of talented young Egyptians who will help our nation tackle challenges and explore new opportunities.



Reem Bedair, QHSF 2010 scholar, Oxford University, examining x-rays at Egypt's National Cancer Institute



Meet Some of QHSF's Entrepreneurial Alumni

QHSF Alumni have graduated to become pioneers involved in cutting-edge business and cultural initiatives that are reshaping the face of entrepreneurship in Egypt.

Hisham Wahby **MBA, Wharton (2007/2008)**

Acquiring an MBA in Entrepreneurial and Strategic Management from Wharton provided me with the intellectual tools I needed to become a technology entrepreneurship strategist. In 2011, I co-founded Innoventures, one of only 3 early-stage venture capital firms in Egypt. With a network of more than 200 industry experts, we provide funding, training, administrative support, and mentoring services for startups. In addition to Innoventures, we also run Ideospace; an innovation space for entrepreneurs, developers, and artists to engage in cross-sector communication and innovative practices. In 2016 we plan to launch our first official venture capital fund, with an investment target of 100 startups within the next three years.

Radwa Khater **Msc in Development Studies, SOAS (2008/2009)**

I'm currently a UNIDO Cluster Development Advisor working on an EU-funded Project, "Development of Clusters in Cultural and Creative Industries in the Southern Mediterranean," a project that promotes inclusive growth by strengthening select clusters of traditional craftsmen, such as leather workers in Egypt. By providing technical and financial assistance to traditional craftsmen we are allowing micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises to achieve higher levels of competitiveness. My contribution to this UNIDO project involves

improving value chains and developing new innovative products that are rooted in our country's cultural heritage. We are also working to establish sustainable links between international buyers and local suppliers.

Ahmed Hussein Ezzat **MA in Architecture, Association School of Architecture (AA), London (2009/2010)**

My scholarship was a unique opportunity that exposed me to the cutting-edge international architectural scene. After completing my degree in London, I co-founded Encode design studio in Alexandria in collaboration with two other architects who share my belief that research in mathematics, natural systems, and cutting-edge technologies can lead to innovative design solutions. Five years later, Encode has become an award-winning firm and a hub for collaborative educational workshops between local and international universities including; Alexandria University, the AA, ETH Zurich, Paris-Malaquais and the American University in Cairo.

The distinct design approach of the studio has attracted many high-end clients for architectural and interior projects, including SODIC, Emaar, and Al-Futtaim. In addition, Encode's furniture designs have also been



Radwa Khater

exhibited in galleries and design exhibitions in London and Milan. I am currently in the process of completing a PhD in digital design and fabrication from ENSAPM in Paris, where I've developed a new material that is currently under patent, and an ecological tectonic system based on sand for construction in desert environments.

Fatma Kishk **MA in Archeology, Leiden University (2010/2011)**

After completing my degree in archeology I returned to Egypt to work as a field archaeologist with the German Archaeological Institute missions in Elephantine, where I was given the chance to develop the topic of my PhD research. In 2012, I joined a team from Durham University (UK) to explore ancient sites in the area of Lake Burrullus and other sites along the Western Delta.



Amina Abo Doma

Having also worked with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, in September 2015 I recruited a team of researchers and designers to organize a documentation exhibition about the pioneer Egyptian Archaeologist, Selim Hassan. Since November of the same year, I have been a member of a team working on the documentation of Nubian vernacular architecture in the village of Bigge.



Joyce Rafla

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MA in Education, Columbia University (2011/2012)

Studying at Columbia was the beginning of my journey towards realizing the passion I had for education. Since my return to Egypt in 2013 I have used the knowledge I gained from my MA program in coaching teachers within the Professional Educator Diploma offered at the American University in Cairo. I have also had the privilege of participating in the drafting of the Egypt 2030 vision for education. But the highlight of my experience came in September 2014 when I was chosen as the youngest member of the Presidential Specialized Council for Education and Scientific Research. Through the Council, I was able to affect policy-level change by working with the Ministry of Education alongside the President's office. During this time, I helped launch "Teachers First," a professional development program for public school teachers. I also helped launch the Egyptian Knowledge Bank (www.ekb.eg), an online country-wide academic library.

Randa Fahmy
MA in Sustainable Engineering, Cambridge (2012/2013)

After graduating from Cambridge University in 2013, I came back to define and manage the R&D program at KarmSolar, an off-grid solar



Randa Fahmy

technology company that I co-founded in 2011. My mandate is to create an off-grid solar R&D infrastructure that enables the development of indigenous, Egyptian-branded solar technologies that can compete with international market standards. This is only possible through collaborations with academia and like-minded R&D companies from the region. KarmSolar's initial focus was on groundwater pumping in agribusiness, which meant expanding our research to include interdisciplinary studies that intersected with agriculture and groundwater engineering. The company has now developed an infrastructure that enables research in the field, patented some of its technologies, expanded its client base, and laid down the building blocks for forward-looking research in the field of energy storage.

Amina Abo Doma
MA in Cultural Entrepreneurship, Goldsmiths University (2012/2013)

After acquiring an MA in Creative and Cultural Entrepreneurship, I came back to Egypt to establish, Teatro Eskendria, an art space and social hub in Alexandria that offers a wide range of cultural services

and hosts an annual international theatre festival, as well as managing a cultural café and a restaurant that serves Egyptian delicacies. I am very proud to have pioneered a sustainable and successful business model that has made a social and cultural impact on Egypt. In parallel, I also founded El Wekala UK in partnership with cultural entrepreneur, Daniel Merrill, and media producer, Ahmed Selim in 2015. El Wakala UK is the live entertainment and music promotion arm of a larger network, El-Wekala Global, and its objective is to promote Egyptian and Arab music in the UK and around the world.



Mohamed Abushakra

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MA in Public Policy, Sciences Po (2013/2014)

After my return from Paris, I was lucky to find a job in the Effective Planning and Services Project (EPSP), an initiative launched by the Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform. My main mandate is to work with the policy team to support the government's administrative system reform, improve the national planning process, and increase the efficiency of public resource allocation. I also coordinate several programs that involve capacity building in the ministry's staff.

Khaled El Samman
MA in Heritage Conservation, Durham University (2014/2015)

After acquiring my MA in International Cultural Heritage Management from Durham University in the UK I returned to Egypt to work with Megawra on the inauguration of four major Islamic monuments after their restoration. Currently, I am leading a craft development project with the Azza Fahmy Foundation that aims to preserve and revitalize Egypt's jewelry making and regional crafts heritage. The project will start in the Southeastern Red Sea region, and will expand to other regions in the future. I also write for history and heritage publications including National Geographic Online, and I run an initiative called Miraath that aims to spread awareness of Egypt's heritage, especially among young Egyptians.



Khaled El Samman



Class of 2015/2016



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Khaled El Kammar	University of Edinburg, Msc in Music Composition for Screen
Karim Labib	ETH Zurich, Msc in Computer Science
Mahmoud Hefny	University College London, Msc in Renewable Geothermal Energy
George Nesr	Imperial College London, Msc in Clinical Research
Mohamed Ossama	Chalmers & Norwegian University of Science & Tech, Msc in Urban Planning
Mohamed Dawoud	University College London, Msc in Architecture
Ahmed Mostafa	University of Southern California, Msc in Nuclear Engineering
Omar Mahfoze	Imperial College London, Msc in Computational Methods for Aeronautics
Esraa El Sheikh	University College London, Msc in Social Policy & Social Research
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Mohamed Rabie	Glasgow University, LLM



Class of 2014/2015



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Khaled El Samman	Durham University, MA in Heritage Conservation
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Class of 2013/2014



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Class of 2012/2013



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Magd Zahran	UCL, MA in Architectural & Urban theory
Amina Abodoma	Goldsmiths University, MA in Cultural Entrepreneurship
Nadine Weheba	SOAS, Msc in Development Studies
Ereeny Yacoub	UCL, MA in Environmental & Sustainable Development
Salma Mansour	Duke, MA in Economics
Amina Diab	Oxford, MA in Middle Eastern Studies
Laila Hassan	London Business School, MBA
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Randa Fahmy	Cambridge, MA in Sustainable Development
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Mohamed El Sheikh	Imperial College, Msc in Surgical Science
Mohamed Abdel Aziz	Texas A & M, Msc in Construction Management
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Khalid Nazif	Stanford, MBA



Class of 2011/2012



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Ahmed Abdel Rady	University of Twente, Msc in Water Resources Management
Nour Kamel	ESADE, MA in Marketing /Msc in Arts and NGO Management, EDHEC, France (Double degree)
Mohamed Rahmy	SOAS, MA in Near & Middle Eastern Studies
Islam El-Sharqawy	Wageningen, Msc in Food Safety
Mohamed El-Mikaty	Imperial College, Msc in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Sondus Hassounah	Imperial College, Msc in Public Health
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Haitham Zalot	University of Nottingham, Msc in Conservation Biology



Class of 2010/2011



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Heba Hakky	London Business School, MBA
Fatma Abul Magd	Manchester University, MBA
Hatem Sabry	Wharton, MBA
Mohamed AbdelGhaffar	University College London, Msc in Hydrographic Surveying
Youssef ElKashef	ETH Zurich, Msc in Neuro Computing
Sara Aboulfadl Hefni	London School of Economics, LLM
Maha Ramadan	University College London, Msc in Cancer Biology
Amr Bayoumy	Glasgow University, Msc in Virology
Miral Selim	Columbia, MA in Economic Policy
Amy AbdelShahid	London School of Economics, Msc in Social & Cultural Psychology
Fatma Kishk	Leiden University, MA in Archaeology
Amina ElBaroudi	Leiden University, MA in Archaeology
May Sabry	University College London, PhD in Cancer Research
Mai Hafez	London School of Economics, PhD in Statistics
Attera Abdel Nazer	UCL, MA in Dental Public Health
Mohamed AbdelBary	Oxford, Msc in Computer Sciences
Mona Abul Hassan	Goldsmith's, MA in Filmmaking



Class of 2009/2010



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Hind AbdelGhani Tufts, LLM

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Mai Hafez LSE, PhD in Statistics



Class of 2008/2009



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Alaa El Dajani	Stanford, MA in Documentary film and Video production
Aliaa Mosallem	London School of Economics, Phd in Middle Eastern Studies
Aly Yasser Abd El Kader	Columbia, MA in Anthropology
Amira Metwaly	Heidelberg, Msc in Cancer Biology
Basma R. Gaber	UCL, Msc in Environmental Studies
Dina Hashish	Stanford, LLM
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Mohamed El Gheitani	Columbia, Msc in International Economic Policy Management
Mohamed Khalifa	Glasgow, Msc in Medical Genetics
Nesrine Abd El Sattar	Oxford, Phd in Information Communication and Social Sciences
Neveen Hazzaa	UCL, Msc in Neuroradiology
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Class of 2007/2008



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May Sabry	UCL, Msc in Molecular Medicine
May Hafez	LSE, Msc in Statistics
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Nabila Hamed	Strathclyde, PhD in Ethnopharmacology
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Ahmed Geneid	Helsinki, PhD in Phoniatics
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“The task of building a fair, vibrant and prosperous Egypt is a generational task, and one that is particularly relevant at this point in our nation’s history. We are honored to play a part not just by investing in these bright young men and women, but by serving as an example of how a private sector entity can help lead change.”

Ambassador Hussein El-Khazindar

Secretary General of the QHSF Board of Trustees



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