



Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar



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### Stimulating Minds at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar Free Summer Enrichment Programs

**Doha, 18 June 2008** – For the first time in Doha, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) is running one and two-week summer enrichment programs for students currently enrolled in grades 7 through 12. The programs will offer students the opportunity to investigate and explore new topics or of special interest to them through courses, interactive presentations and discussions.

Three programs are being offered by WCMC-Q; Qatar Summer Math & Reading Talent Scholars (Q-SMARTS) from 29 June to 3 July; Qatar Future Doctors from 6 July to 10 July and a Pre-College Enrichment Program from 13 July to 24 July. All will be free for selected applicants.

**Qatar Summer Math & Reading Talent Scholars (Q-SMARTS) Program** is a one-week program providing courses and activities to help students entering 7th & 8th grade in the Fall to advance their mathematic and reading skills. Through computer labs, and participation in small tutoring groups, students will learn skills that will increase their confidence in these areas thus leading to better preparation for high school. Deadline for applications is 22 June.

**Qatar Future Doctors Program** is a one-week program for students entering 10th to 12th grade. The program is designed for those interested in exploring the medical profession. Students will explore past, present, and future trends in medicine, read about the history of diseases and clinical practice, and will have the opportunity to discuss issues in the profession from ethics in research to public health awareness in the Gulf region. Deadline for applications is 29 June.

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**WCMC-Q Pre-College Enrichment Program** is a two-week course for students entering 11th to 12th grade. The course will provide academic and personal development activities to help students prepare for college by exposing them to academic enrichment classes in math, science, English, and computers as well as personal development courses in health & wellness, career exploration, and study skills. Deadline for applications is 29 June.

The program will also feature two WCMC-Q 2008 graduates as teachers in some of the courses being offered. Dr Jehan Al-Refai, said: “I am very excited at being part of this endeavour as it provides a great opportunity for us to give back to WCMC-Q only a month following our graduation. I’m especially thrilled about the Qatar Future Doctors Program and look forward to taking aspiring doctors of tomorrow on a journey through the medical profession.”

Applications should be submitted through the WCMC-Q website [www.qatar-med.cornell.edu/education/sa/summerEnrichment.html/](http://www.qatar-med.cornell.edu/education/sa/summerEnrichment.html/)

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### **About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar**

Established by Cornell University in partnership with Qatar Foundation, WCMC-Q is part of Weill Cornell Medical College. A member of the Ivy League, Cornell is the first American university to offer its M.D. degree overseas. WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, comprising the two-year Pre-medical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program, with teaching by Cornell faculty. There is a separate admissions process for each Program, guided by the standards of admission in use at Cornell University in Ithaca and its Medical College in New York City. Website: [www.qatar-med.cornell.edu](http://www.qatar-med.cornell.edu)

### **About Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development**

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