QF’s QATAR BIOBANK CONCLUDES SUMMER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Doha, 21 October 2017: Qatar Biobank recently concluded its Summer Experience Program for university students and recent graduates. Five students — three graduates and two undergraduates from the biomedical sciences program at Qatar University — completed the four-week program, which is aimed at understanding the principles of biobanking and in particular, the work carried out by Qatar Biobank. The students also learned about the laboratory techniques used by Qatar Biobank, including DNA extraction and quantification.

The Summer Experience Program is part of Qatar Biobank’s continuous efforts to train future leaders in biobanking. “As Qatar Biobank works to create a healthier local population, it’s critical that the nation’s youth undertake biobanking and genomic studies, so the next generation of healthcare providers can build on the work we’ve already done,” said Dr, Nahla Afifi, Education and Scientific Manager, and Acting Director of Qatar Biobank, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

Through its ongoing collecting of information about the health and lifestyles of local populations and biological samples, Qatar Biobank is creating a path towards personalized medicine that will promote better health for the people of Qatar.

As the largest population-based health initiative ever undertaken in Qatar, Qatar Biobank will make it possible for researchers and scientists to conduct research into the risk factors for some of the greatest health challenges facing Qatar and the region, including cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, and cancer.

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About Qatar Biobank

Qatar Biobank, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is a population-based platform where biological samples are provided by participants. Through the collection of samples and information on the health and lifestyles of Qatari citizens and long-term residents, Qatar Biobank aims to make vital medical research possible for scientists in Qatar, the region and the world.
Launched in 2012 in collaboration with the Supreme Council of Health, Hamad Medical Corporation and supported by expert scientists from Imperial College London, Qatar Biobank completed the two-year operational pilot phase in 2015 marked by the official inauguration of the state-of-the-art facility by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation and Vice Chairperson of the Supreme Council of Health.

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