For more information

For more information about the program, see the enclosed materials or visit www.summercollege.cornell.edu/qatar

Cornell University Summer College
B20 Day Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853-2801
USA

Phone: 00+1.607.255.6203
E-mail: summer_college@cornell.edu
Web: www.summercollege.cornell.edu/qatar

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar
Qatar Foundation, Education City
P.O. Box: 24144
Doha, Qatar

Phone: (+974) 492 8227
E-mail: imm2004@qatar-med.cornell.edu

2009
President, Cornell University
David J. Skorton
I hope you will join us here in Ithaca next June.
You’ll also have access to Cornell’s vast
States.
professors, and experience life in the United
undergraduates, meet world-renowned
from around the globe, study alongside
universities. You'll live with students
at one of the world's most distinguished
As a QCPPP student, you'll live and learn
language immersion, and cultural activities.

six weeks of premedical studies, English-
in Qatar to Cornell’s Ithaca campus for
Program at the Weill Cornell Medical College
highly talented students in the Foundation
now in its third year, is designed to bring
I invite you to consider participating in
Welcome! As president of Cornell University,
Cornell University
An invitation from
www.summercollege.cornell.edu/qatar
The Qatar–Cornell Premedical Preparatory Program (QCPPP) is designed to prepare students in the Foundation Program at the Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar for their premedical studies while also offering them the unique opportunity to study and live on Cornell's U.S. campus in Ithaca, New York. This six-week program builds upon the Foundation Program's goals of creating a supportive environment within which students can:

- improve their English proficiency,
- develop their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, and
- challenge themselves to stretch intellectually and personally.

All QCPPP participants are part of Cornell University’s Summer College, one of the oldest, largest, and most well-respected programs of its kind. Each year Summer College hosts more than 800 outstanding high school students from across the United States and abroad. These talented students live with people from many different cultures and backgrounds, enroll in classes for college credit alongside undergraduates, participate in a vast array of extracurricular activities, and enjoy Ithaca, a small, rural, and historic city surrounded by lush nature preserves.

Program overview

Academic life

Qatar–Cornell students enroll in two Cornell University courses, have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned faculty members, and interact with other Cornell students.

QCPPP students take “Critical Reading and Thinking,” which focuses on the critical thinking, effective reading, analytical writing, and research skills necessary for success in college.

Students also enroll in a writing seminar on “The Personal Essay,” offered in partnership with Cornell’s John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, one of the nation’s oldest and most comprehensive writing-across-the-curriculum programs. This course is taught in small sections and includes frequent one-on-one instruction in the planning, composition, and revision of papers based on assigned readings and discussions.

Students are expected to attend all classes and complete all coursework. They are evaluated alongside other Cornell students on an A—F scale based on earned grades. Academic support is available from a number of sources, including the Summer College, writing tutors, advising and residential program offices. Further, all Qatar–Cornell students have access to Cornell’s outstanding resources, including 20 libraries and cutting-edge computing services.

“...the English class in particular has helped me improve my writing skills tremendously by working on my organizational and topic analysis. Writing a scientific paper was a hassle for me before I took the Bio-research and Exploration course, but now I find it very interesting because I have learned the basis and the purpose of writing a good scientific paper. My summer in Ithaca was an unforgettable experience!”

—Amna Al Khuzaei
Class of 2014 (Foundation Program 2008)
Student life

Upon their arrival in Ithaca, students take part in an orientation program designed to help them adapt to academic and student life. They meet with the Summer College director, residential staff members, faculty members, teaching assistants, and other Summer College participants. Students learn about Cornell’s academic structure, the classroom atmosphere, and instructor expectations. They also discuss relevant health and safety issues, banking and money matters, and public transportation options. (Because Cornell has a large campus, many QCPPP students recommend using buses to get to class. Bus passes can be purchased in the Summer College office. Students may also use these passes to explore Ithaca.)

Qatar—Cornell students live together in private wings of University residence halls and share bathrooms with other QCPPP students. They eat all meals in University dining halls. Meals feature a wide variety of options, with the exception of halal meat. Summer program students often opt for vegetarian meals while on campus. In addition, special dietary accommodations are willingly made upon request at North Star Dining in Appel Commons.

Teaching assistants, residence hall community advisors, and program assistants carefully supervise the students during their stay on campus. In addition, QCPPP students meet weekly with the Summer College director, who provides guidance to them about their experiences in and outside of the classroom.

Learning to live with people from different countries and cultures is an important part of Summer College, which attracts students from all over the United States and the world and from a wide variety of ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds. Last year, 174 international students from 32 countries attended Summer College and many students spoke languages other than English. All students are responsible for respecting these differences and helping to make Cornell a friendly and welcoming place.

In addition, QCPPP students are expected to get to know American and other international students in their classes and residence halls by participating in Summer College activities, cultural and arts events, intramural sports, and local field trips. They also are encouraged to become familiar with Cornell’s beautiful campus, architecture, and facilities, and to tour University research labs and libraries, and to meet local families and enjoy sightseeing and shopping in Ithaca.

©2009 Cornell University School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions. The School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions reserves the right to change or cancel this program. Cornell University is an equal-opportunity, affirmative-action educator and employer.

For more information, visit www.sce.cornell.edu.

“My skills have improved tremendously after attending the summer course in Ithaca. I had golden opportunities to talk with other international students who came from different places and had different backgrounds. Summer College in Ithaca gave me the opportunity to visit a new place and experience dorm life on the main campus.”

Mohammed Al-Hajri
Class of 2014 (Foundation Program 2007)

“‘The courses we took broadened our knowledge of English and biology, I hope to study in Ithaca again in the future.’

Ahmed Al Saei
Class of 2014 (Foundation Program 2008)

“‘I never thought that I would benefit so greatly from this program. Right now I speak comfortably with my professors in English, and I have the confidence to do it. The fun part was making so many American friends—something I never thought I would be able to do because of the language barrier. Now I’m still in contact with them!’

Kholoud Sale
Class of 2014 (Foundation Program 2008)