

ORG to provide university with funding, resources

AUK launches Office for Research & Grants to build research capacity

KUWAIT CITY, July 1: To continue building research capacity at AUK, the Board of Trustees have approved a resolution to launch AUK's Office for Research and Grants (ORG) that aims at building research capacity at AUK.

The ORG will provide our faculty with research funding and resources, research related engagement opportunities, and appropriate training to support research and scholarly related activities and production.

It is founded on the premise that investing our resources into our faculty, staff, and students, not only cultivates talent from within, but energizes a creation of knowledge that is bold, innovative, and impactful.

The Office for Research and Grants (ORG) will ensure compliance with funding guidelines, rules, and regulations and upholding ethical, scientific, and fiscal integrity concerning research and grant activities; assist faculty in their acquisition of external funding; build partnerships with faculty, students, and administrators so that our various research and funding agendas are supported and advanced to move the institution forward; foster industry and academia partnership; and conduct outreach and engagement with local and international research bodies.

The President of AUK, Dr. Rawda Awwad, has appointed Dr Iyad Abo Doush, Associate Professor of Computer Science in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, as the founding Director of the Office for Research and Grants (ORG).

"The Office of Research and Grants is a pivotal step towards demonstrating the potential of the American University as a research institution, which is an urgent necessity for the university's growth and institutional maturity as one of the pioneers of Kuwait's private education industry.

In addition to supporting the faculty research activity, the Office will promote student research participation and give them opportunities to present and publish their research with the help of the faculty," said Dr. Abo Doush

ORG's most immediate plan of action is to encourage the development of research clusters; identify performance indicators; and continuously update policies to promote AUK's research culture and that are also aligned with evolving international standards.

ORG will also be responsible for strengthening undergraduate student research and publications, and faculty/student research collaborations. While operational needs are a focus, ORG will also explore ways in developing the research infrastructure supported through partnerships and research based collaborative agreements that are strategic and long term.

President Rawda Awwad stated: "Our Board of Trustees have always recognized the importance of research and scholarly production. The launching of ORG marks a renewed commitment to getting serious about making AUK's research and scholarly production matter by ensuring that it has the desirable social impact that we are aiming for."

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational liberal arts institution of higher education.

The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English.

More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at www.auk.edu.kw



Dr Rawda Awwad



Dr. Iyad Abo Doush

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33 companies and organizations participate

GUST hosts 22nd Annual Career Fair

KUWAIT CITY, July 1: Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) held its 22nd Annual Career Fair virtual for current GUST students and alumni to attend. The event, which hosted 33 different companies from various sectors, aimed at connecting GUST students and alumni with potential career opportunities. The Career Fair was held virtually on Khibra, a Kuwait-based platform that offers employment services for university graduates in the Middle East.

The businesses sponsoring this year's event included Diamond Sponsors: Kuwait Finance House, Boubyan Bank, and Alghanim Industries, Platinum Sponsors: Kuwait International Bank, Gold Sponsors: Warba Bank and Dhaman Health, and In-Kind Sponsors Deliveroo. 27 companies participated at the event from a wide range of business sectors which included: Gulf Insurance Group, Pencilvent, KNET, Kuwait Oil Company, and Coded. Additionally, Virigin Mobile made their first appearance ever at this year's Career Fair.

The Career Fair is one of the most prominent events the university organizes each year as it helps ensure a smooth transition for students into the work force after graduation. GUST continuously works on improving the event by providing a wide variety of different employers to cater to graduates' interests and talents. The event was divided into two days of group sessions and seminars as well as 1-on-1 sessions where individuals could meet with prospective employers virtually to network with and apply for possible internships or full time positions.

Efficient

Partnering with Khibra will provide students with an efficient and streamlined experience in finding the right job opportunity using detailed analytics, providing GUST with an event hosting platform that will bridge employers and alumni. Khibra partners with more than 140 employers to access the latest entry-level opportunities in the market allowing students and graduates search for and apply to their job of choice. For GUST, Khibra's event management tool allows the university to extend virtual career fairs, informational sessions, and 1-on-1 invitations to interested employers. Such capabilities enable GUST to expose its students to opportunities during and after their academic experience. The features also allow GUST to conduct surveys to gather feedback from participating employers about its students and young alumni.

Head of the Alumni Office, Hebah Al-Roumi, said "The 22nd Annual Career Fair being the first ever virtual Fair is a proud achievement for the Alumni Office highlighting the dedication to current students and Alumni alike. We are thankful to all our sponsors and participants who helped make this occasion and insightful one for the GUST community. We also would like to thank Khibra who have offered a great platform to streamline networking between students and alumni, universities, and companies. A big thank you goes out to everyone involved in making this an excellent Career Fair."

The Alumni Office also provided other materials to attendees such as informational videos posted on social media that included career tips from successful alumni. Attendees also got a chance to look at the Career Fair Magazine which offered business insight by industry experts and shared the stories of successful peers in the job market.

Gulf University for Science &



Hebah Al-Roumi



Rashid Al-Saleh, one of the students employed as a part-time photographer at the university.

Students can work remotely for part-time jobs

GUST offers remote student employment option

KUWAIT CITY, July 1: Gulf University for Science and Technology revealed its development of the Student Employment System, releasing a new application which allows students to apply for student employee positions remotely. This step comes in line with the precautionary measures implemented by the university and the country, transitioning student employment into a remote work system.

Once a student's application has been received, the Office of Student Life, which runs the program, will conduct a job interview with the applicant through Microsoft Teams. The program adopts a part-time system, which aims to provide students with practical experience as well as refining their administrative skills

in a real work environment, thus preparing them for the labor market after graduation.

Student employment provides assistance and support to the various departments of the university and colleges, which saves time and speeds up the pace of work in various sectors, while giving students significant work experience to add to their CVs.

The Student Employment Program also provides a monthly financial reward and flexible hours which takes the student's academic obligations into account so that no scheduling conflicts occur. Students of all majors can register in the program to work in the various departments of the university during their spare time.

Office of Student Life Specialist, Ms. Perihan Al Tanani said "The Student Employment Program online application brings new opportunities to students and provides students with the potential to develop their skills in working remotely. We are proud to develop this new system and create a more streamlined application process, allowing the students to gain access to more work opportunities."

The Student Employment System helps students obtain their work placement which is a graduation requirement for some degrees. Students can also obtain a co-curricular transcript upon graduation which includes students working hours and experience, boosting their future careers.

Technology (GUST) is the first private university established in Kuwait. It has a dual-enrollment agreement with the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The university was to be a supplement to Kuwait University, the only institution of higher education in Kuwait at that time, and to serve the educational demands of the local society and the Persian Gulf region. In January 1997, Kuwaiti Academic Group, composed of 41 faculty members from Kuwait University, was founded to lay the foundation for the proposed "University of the Future." Their studies culminated in a vision

of the "Gulf University for Science & Technology."

A partnership was established with the University of Missouri at St. Louis (UMSL), the international counterpart university chosen to help bring the university to fruition. The development was facilitated by the Private Universities Decree, No. 34, issued by the State of Kuwait in 2000, resulting in the establishment of a temporary campus in Hawally. The issuance of Emiri Decree No. 156 in 2002 completed the legal establishment of GUST as the first private university in the State of Kuwait and permitted the start of the first academic year in 2002-2003.

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It's that time of year again,
extra special because we're actually going to be open.

LIBRARY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

So, we need you (please)!

The children's library at the Amricani Cultural Centre will be open based on volunteer availability. Ideally that will be Saturday - Thursday, 10 AM - 7 PM and Friday, 2 - 7 PM.

But, trust us, the kids will appreciate any time.

If you're vaccinated and can spare a few hours a week this summer and want to help encourage children to enjoy reading, please email education@ darmuseum.org.kw

A flyer of the event.



Hana Ancy receives her award.



Mohammed Al Zayan being presented with his prize.

'Celebration of passionate colors'

ISEK students participate for first time in 'Chithram 21' competition

KUWAIT CITY, July 1: Chithram 21, conducted by The Art of Living, Kuwait on May 7, 2021 was an extravaganza of colourful celebrations. Almost 1,700 students from all over Kuwait, participated in this competition which was spread across 3 different age groups.

Indian School of Excellence Kuwait joined this prestigious competition for the very first time. Our prides, Master Mohammed Al Zayan of Class 1 Blue and Miss Hana Ancy of Class 3 Blue brought laurels to our school with their immense dedication and creativity. Mohammed Al Zayan won First prize in Group A (LKG-G1 category) amongst the participation of 316 students. Hana Ancy won the Honours Award in Group B (G2-G5 category) amongst the participation of 908 students.

Unlike any other prize distribu-

tion ceremonies conducted yet, P.K. Venkatesh, program coordinator and Mrs. Ramya Venkatesh, core committee member — Chithram 21, visited the Indian School of Excellence Kuwait to honour the amazing students. The prizes were awarded by Mrs. Sherly Dennis, Principal of Indian School of Excellence in the presence of the parents, P.K. Venkatesh, Mrs. Ramya Venkatesh and the art teacher of Indian School of Excellence Kuwait, Mrs. Sherly Abraham.

Under the guidance of the amazing board members of ICSK Family, ISEK has stepped into the world of education with a difference, leading with activity-oriented learning. "We are looking forward to participating in many more upcoming competitions to come to give our students the exposure and opportunities they need to make the best in every situation."