Paying for a bachelor's degree: financial aid at NYU Abu Dhabi and Qatar's Education City

This guide is for you if you are applying for a **bachelor's degree** at NYU Abu Dhabi or at one of the universities in Education City, Doha: Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, VCUarts Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, or the six-year medical programme at Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar.

Applying for a master's or PhD? Read the second guide (S07B).

Current figures and aid deadlines for each university, checked by our editors: https://scholarmena.com/guides/education-city-financial-aid/#live-aid

How aid works at these universities

- **Need-based aid** depends on what your family can pay. You apply for it separately from admission, on the form each university names on its aid page, by the aid deadline it sets.
- **Merit scholarships** depend on your results or talent. Some universities consider every admitted student; others ask for a separate application.

- **Loans** must be paid back. Qatar Foundation offers interest-free, need-based loans to Education City undergraduates; one way to repay is by working for an approved organisation in Qatar after you graduate.
- **Grants** do not have to be paid back.
- **Qatar Foundation Scholarship:** Education City undergraduates who have completed two semesters with an outstanding GPA can apply for this competitive scholarship.

Questions to ask each university (write the answers down)

1. Which aid form do you use, and what is the aid deadline? Is it the same as the admission deadline?
2. Is aid open to international students, or only to some nationalities?
3. Is my aid offer for one year or for the whole degree? What GPA or conditions keep it?
4. Is it a grant or a loan? If a loan: how much do I repay, when, and in what ways?
5. What does the offer cover: tuition, housing, travel, health insurance, books?
6. Must my family prove its income, and with which documents?

Where to read, and what to do next

Official aid pages:

- NYU Abu Dhabi: nyuad.nyu.edu (Apply for financial aid)
- Qatar Foundation: qf.org.qa (Financial aid)
- CMU-Q: qatar.cmu.edu (Tuition and financial aid)
- Georgetown Q: qatar.georgetown.edu (Financial aid)
- NU-Q: qatar.northwestern.edu (Tuition and aid)
- Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar: qatar-weill.cornell.edu (Tuition)
- VCUarts Qatar: qatar.vcu.edu (Scholarships and loans)
- Texas A&M at Qatar: qatar.tamu.edu (Admissions)

> **Our advice:** apply for aid by the aid deadline even if you are not sure you qualify; late aid applications may not be considered.

Next: convert each deadline to your time (our S01 guide) and gather your documents (S05).

Sources

Our editors read these official pages on 10 Nov 2026. If anything differs, the official page is the reference.

1. QF: interest-free, need-based loans for Education City undergraduates; repayment option by working at an approved organisation in Qatar; QF Scholarship after two semesters with outstanding GPA
   https://www.qf.org.qa/education/higher-education/financial-aid
2. WCM-Q six-year medical programme
   https://qatar-weill.cornell.edu/admissions/medical-program/six-year-medical-program/tuition

3. NYU Abu Dhabi: financial aid (bachelor's) and PhD programmes
   https://nyuad.nyu.edu
4. Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar: tuition and financial aid
   https://qatar.cmu.edu
5. Georgetown University in Qatar: financial aid
   https://qatar.georgetown.edu
6. Northwestern University in Qatar: tuition and aid
   https://qatar.northwestern.edu
7. Texas A&M University at Qatar: admissions
   https://qatar.tamu.edu
8. VCUarts Qatar: scholarships and loans
   https://qatar.vcu.edu/enrollment-services/scholarships-loans/