ALFAISAL UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2025-2026

Alfaisal University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

"Shaping Excellence, Sustaining Tomorrow"

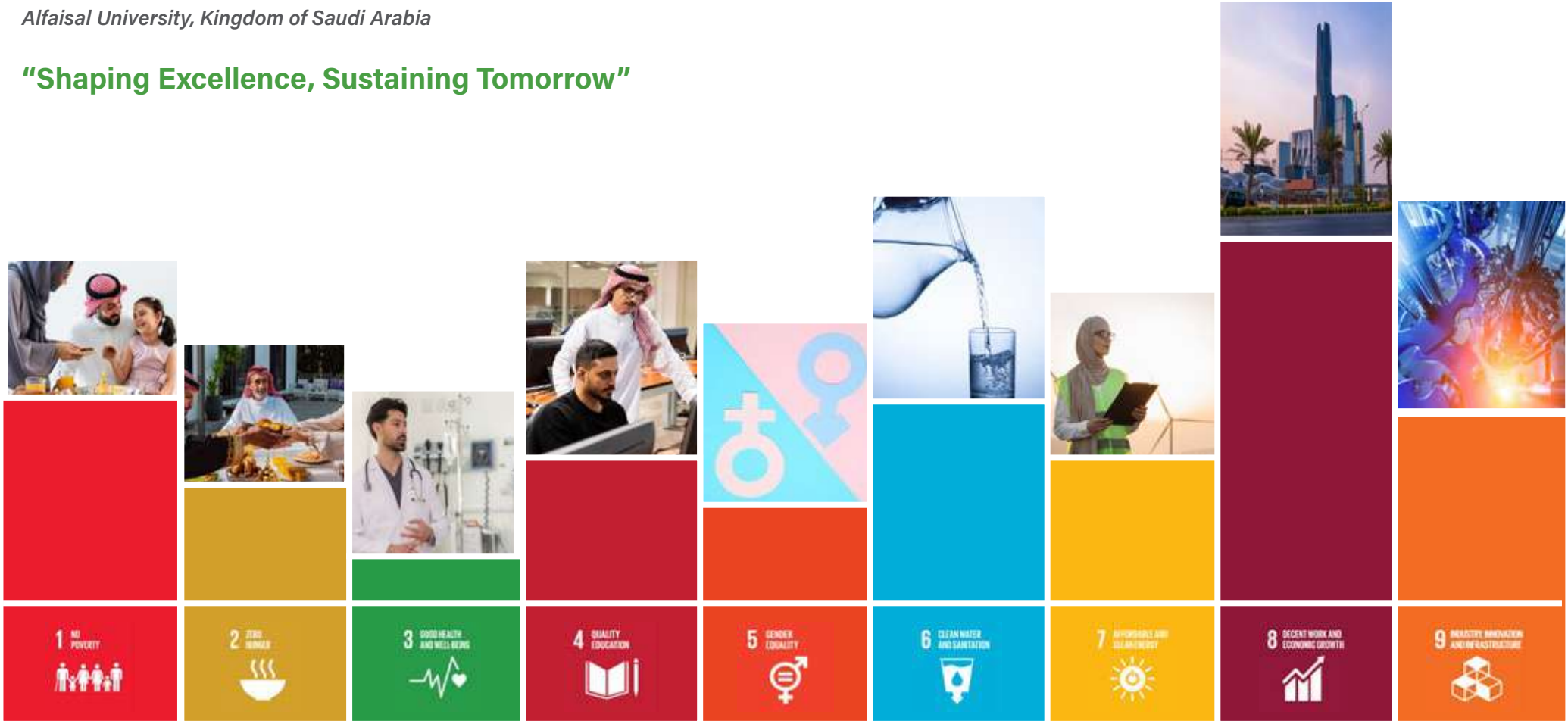


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"We want this Kingdom to be a beacon of light for humanity, now and fifty years from now"

King Faisal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud

ABOUT ALFAISAL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 2002, Alfaisal University is a **National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation (NCAAA)** accredited institution of higher education located on the historic grounds of the palace of His Majesty the Late King Faisal in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. The University is home **to more than 6,000 students representing 56 nationalities, with a gender distribution of 54% female and 46% male,** reflecting its inclusive and diverse academic community.

The University consists of six colleges: **Business, Engineering and Advanced Computing, Medicine, Science and General Studies, Pharmacy, and Law and International Relations.** These colleges offer a wide range of undergraduate programs. In addition, the University provides postgraduate degrees in Business, Engineering and Advanced Computing, and Medicine. Its academic programs are also accredited by international accreditation bodies, ensuring alignment with global quality standards.

Alfaisal University's distinguished faculty bring global perspectives, personalized guidance, and academic rigor. They drive excellence in teaching, research, and mentorship while equipping students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in an ever-evolving world.

As a student-centered and research-focused university, Alfaisal offers outstanding opportunities for collaborative research and international study. Beyond academics, vibrant student associations, clubs, and organizations offer avenues for personal growth and professional development, shaping socially responsible global citizens committed to lifelong learning and community service.

Research excellence is central to Alfaisal's mission of becoming a leading global institution. The University maintains strong partnerships with King Faisal Specialist Hospital and collaborates with internationally renowned universities and multinational corporations such as Boeing, BAE Systems, Thales, and Shell to promote innovation and maximize impact.

Since welcoming its first cohort in 2008, Alfaisal University has grown into one of the Kingdom's leading academic institutions, recognized for its focus on research and its student-centered approach. This growth has been supported by the dedication of its Founders, Board of Trustees, and strategic partners, who provide the tools, resources, and expertise necessary to fulfill the University's mission and contribute meaningfully to Saudi Vision 2030.



ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY & STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICE (SSPO)

The **Sustainability and Strategic Planning Office (SSPO)** at Alfaisal University was established by the University President in **September 2022** to serve as a key driver of the university's long-term vision and strategic direction. The office was created to meet the growing need for a dedicated unit that ensures Alfaisal's development aligns with national priorities, especially **Saudi Vision 2030,** while also incorporating **global best practices** in sustainability and strategic planning.

What makes SSPO unique is its strong commitment to **institutional excellence, sustainable development,** and **global impact.** It leads the formulation and execution of the university's strategic plan, ensuring that all initiatives are grounded in evidence, align with national frameworks, and meet international standards. The aim is to foster a culture of **continuous improvement and data-driven decision-making** across the institution.

At the core of SSPO's mission is **sustainability**. The office actively promotes the integration of sustainability principles across five key areas: **Education, Research and Innovation, Engagement, Operations, and Health and Well-being.** This holistic approach ensures that sustainability is not treated as a separate initiative but is embedded into every aspect of the university's academic and operational framework.

Ultimately, SSPO is here to support Alfaisal University in becoming a **globally recognized institution,** equipped to tackle future challenges while making a meaningful contribution to both **national transformation and sustainable global development.**





SSPO'S

VISION, MISSION, MOTTO

Our Vision

To be a pioneering leader in strategic planning and sustainability integration, inspiring transformative impact across all facets of Alfaisal University.

Our Mission

TTo advance Alfaisal University's strategic goals by integrating national priorities and global best practices, fostering a culture of sustainability, and enabling data-driven decision-making to enhance institutional excellence and international recognition.

Our Motto

"Shaping Excellence, Sustaining Tomorrow"

Our Sustainability APPROACH



At Alfaisal University, sustainability is embedded as a core institutional value and a guiding principle across all aspects of university life. Our approach is built around five interconnected pillars: Education, Operations, Health and Well-being, Research and Innovation, and Engagement.

The Five Pillars of Sustainability

PILLAR 1: EDUCATION

Through the Education pillar, we integrate sustainability into teaching, learning, curriculum development, and professional training for both faculty and students. This includes workshops, talks, and awareness programs aimed at fostering a deep understanding of sustainability challenges and solutions.

PILLAR 2: RESEARCH & INNOVATION

In the area of Research and Innovation, the university supports interdisciplinary research that addresses local and global sustainability challenges, encouraging innovation that contributes to long-term impact.

Pillar 3: OPERATION

In Operations, we promote sustainable leadership, ethical governance, and responsible financial practices, while managing resources such as water, energy, and waste efficiently. We also focus on climate action, sustainable transportation, and environmentally responsible construction.

PILLAR 4: ENGAGEMENT

Finally, through Engagement, we promote diversity, equality, and inclusive access, while fostering active participation, community outreach, and sustainability awareness both within and beyond the university. This holistic and strategic approach ensures that

Pillar 5: Health & Well Being

The Health and Well-being pillar emphasizes creating a healthy and supportive environment that nurtures the physical and mental well-being of our campus community.

integral part of Alfaisal University's academic excellence, operational effectiveness, and societal contribution.

MEET THE TEAM

Leadership Team

The **SSPO** team is composed of highly skilled professionals with expertise in sustainability, strategic planning, research, and administration. Together, we collaborate to drive Alfaisal University's vision of institutional transformation, ensuring that every initiative we undertake is innovative, impactful, and aligned with both national and global standards. Our collective strengths enable us to lead strategic initiatives, foster a culture of continuous improvement, and integrate sustainability principles into all aspects of the university's operations and academic endeavors.



Prof. Wael Al-Kattan
Executive Director



Dr. Karam Mazen Hamweyah
Senior Manager

Core Team Members

- Dr. Mohammad Alaa Mufti
- Dr. Amro Ghyath Hajja
- Dr. Hassan Yousaf Shah
- Dr. Marwan Alaswad
- Dr. Ghazi Faisal Alabdul Razzak
- Ms. Rana Kattan
- Ms. Hayat Abou Elkhair
- Ms. Husah Bin Salamah
- Mr. Midhat Mohammad Edoos

FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Together, we can make Alfaisal University a leader in sustainability and strategic foresight”

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Greetings!

I am excited to share the progress and aims of our Office of Sustainability and Strategic Planning at Alfaisal University. Since its inception, this office has been dedicated to embedding sustainability into the fabric of our institution and positively impacting our broader community.

The Office of Sustainability is committed to an all-encompassing approach to sustainability. It aims to create an adaptable and robust academic and operational environment, capable of flourishing under various conditions. Their initiatives focus on integrating sustainable practices into our curriculum, research, campus operations, and community outreach, contributing to an environmentally conscious and strategically sound future.

A key aim of the office is to ensure the long-term viability of our university through strategic financial planning and innovative practices. This focus on resilience in our planning and operations is vital for our institution to thrive amidst future challenges and opportunities.

I encourage everyone in our university community to actively participate in the initiatives led by the Office of Sustainability. Your involvement is essential in achieving our goals of building a sustainable and resilient university. Together, we can make Alfaisal University a leader in sustainability and strategic foresight.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to these important goals..

Warm regards,

Dr. Mohammed Alhayaza
President, Alfaisal University



MESSAGE FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Alfaisal University Community,

> **"Sustain today, strive tomorrow"**

As the Director of Sustainability and Strategic Planning, I am thrilled to underscore the pivotal role our department plays in aligning with the visionary and ambitious goals of our country under the Leadership of our beloved HRH King Salman bin Abdulaziz Aalsaud and his crown prince HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Aalsaud and the values deeply ingrained in Alfaisal University: faith, knowledge, and performance.

In recognizing the significance of these core values, our commitment to sustainability becomes not just an initiative but an embodiment of who we are as an academic community. Knowledge fuels our understanding, faith provides the steadfast belief in our shared mission, and performance measures our collective impact.

With the guiding mantra of "Sustain today, strive tomorrow" we embark on a journey that fuses our values with actionable strategies. This slogan encapsulates our commitment to sustainability as an integral part of our university's identity.

By intertwining sustainability with our values, we contribute to the broader vision of Saudi Arabia and fortify our identity as an institution committed to excellence. Let us forge ahead, guided by knowledge, anchored in faith, and driven by a commitment to outstanding performance, as we shape a sustainable future for Alfaisal University.

Eagerly embracing this journey with you,

Warm regards,

Prof. Wael Al-Kattan
Executive Director of Sustainability & Strategic Planning





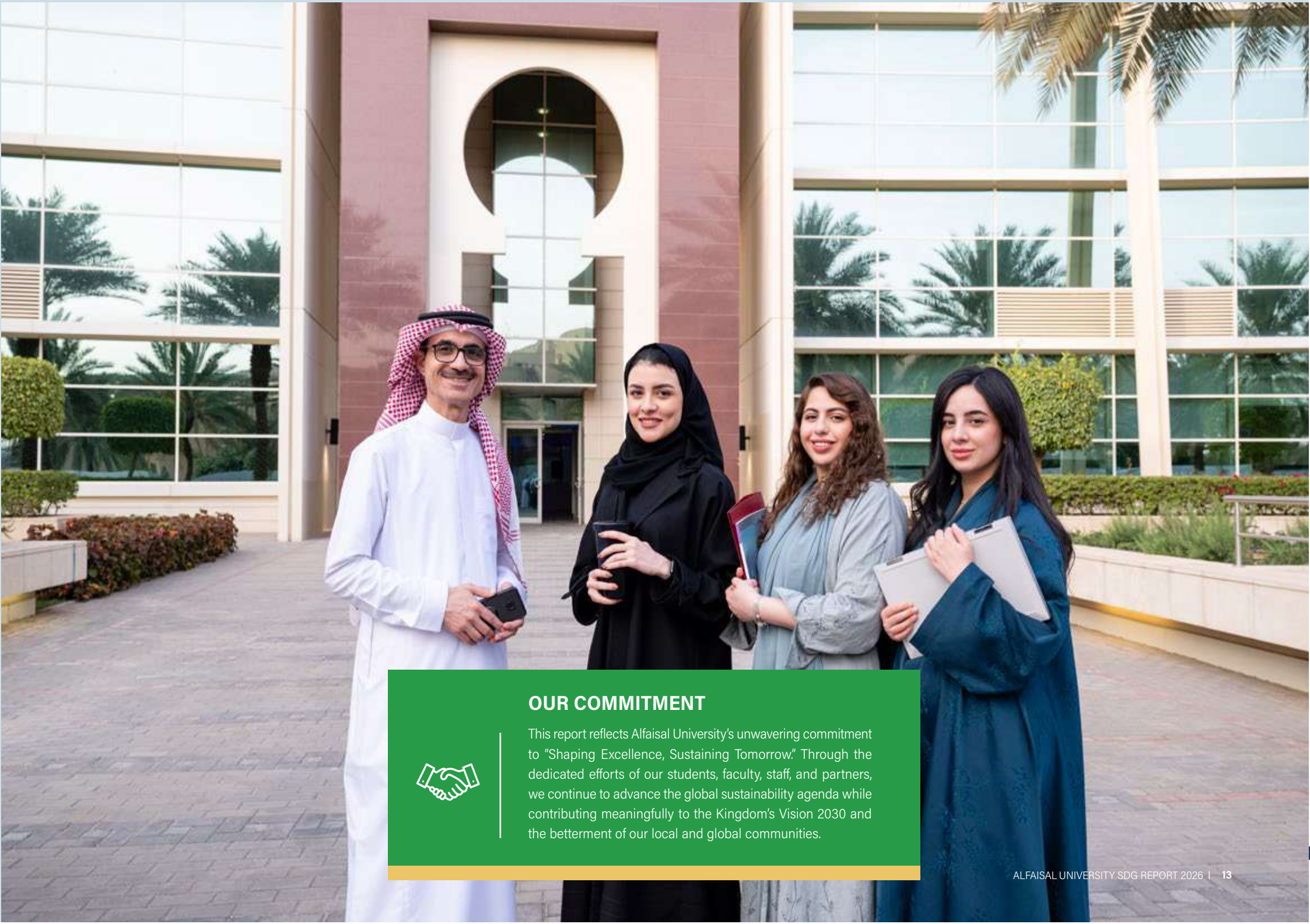
ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Alfaisal University Sustainable Development Report provides a comprehensive overview of the university's efforts to advance sustainability across all aspects of its operations, academics, research, health and well-being and community engagement. Developed by the Sustainability and Strategic Planning Office (SSPO), this report highlights key initiatives, achievements, and progress aligned with both Saudi Vision 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It reflects Alfaisal University's commitment to integrating sustainability into its institutional culture and strategic direction. The report serves as a transparent account of our journey toward building a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient academic environment, while showcasing the collective contributions of faculty, students, staff, and partners in driving meaningful impact.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our sincere gratitude to all departments, offices, and individuals who contributed their time, data, insights, and expertise to the development of this report. Special appreciation goes to our students, faculty, staff, and community partners whose ongoing commitment and collaboration drives the success of Alfaisal University's sustainability initiatives. Your dedication and efforts are instrumental in advancing our shared vision for a more sustainable, resilient, and forward-thinking institution.



OUR COMMITMENT

This report reflects Alfaisal University's unwavering commitment to "Shaping Excellence, Sustaining Tomorrow." Through the dedicated efforts of our students, faculty, staff, and partners, we continue to advance the global sustainability agenda while contributing meaningfully to the Kingdom's Vision 2030 and the betterment of our local and global communities.





SDG 1: NO POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 1 by supporting productive families and low-income households in Saudi Arabia through student-led community service. During 2025 and 2026 the University's Community Service Committee organized the "Lammat Khair" event, a three-day initiative promoting social solidarity and providing a marketplace for small businesses owned by productive families.

1
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

1
engagement actions

Contributing Departments: Student Affairs

Key Partnerships: Productive family enterprises supported through the Community Service Committee

Engagement

"Lammat Khair" Event to Support Productive Families and Promote Social Solidarity

Date: March 15, 2024

Department: Student Affairs



The Community Service Committee at Alfaisal University is organizing the event "Lammat Khair", which will run for three days. The event aims to promote social solidarity and support small businesses owned by productive families.

Research and Innovation

Internal audit, loan losses, and financial performance in microfinance institutions- a global evidence

Authors: Omidiji A.; Ehalaiye D.; Gyapong E.; et al.

Journal: China Accounting and Finance Review, 2025 · Unranked · Cited by 2

College: College of Business

When Stakeholders Matter Most: Mandatory Poverty Alleviation and Corporate Risk-Taking

Authors: Ullah F.; Elamer A.; Wang X.; et al.

Journal: Business Strategy and the Environment, 2026 · Q1 · Cited by 1

College: College of Business

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105034856303

Factors that motivate students below the poverty line to pursue higher education: The case of the City of Barranquilla, Colombia

Authors: Ferrer M.; Calvo E.; Garcia V.; et al.

Journal: Social Sciences and Humanities Open, 2026 · Q1 · Cited by 0

College: College of Science and General Studies

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105044666033



Learn More

Scan the QR code to explore Alfaisal University's full record of sustainability actions and initiatives.

Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 1 action contributing to SDG 1, spanning 1 engagement initiative, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal





SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Overview:

Alfaisal University contributes to SDG 2 principally through research. Between January 2025 and 2026 the University produced 15 Scopus-indexed publications aligned with this goal, led by the College of Medicine and supported by the College of Science and General Studies and the College of Engineering. This work spans two complementary strands: population nutrition and food security — including the global burden of dietary iron deficiency, child growth failure, food literacy and dietary patterns in Saudi Arabia — and applied agricultural technology, including AI-based crop and olive leaf disease detection, smart pest-detection systems and plant growth promotion using Bacillus strains.

16
Scopus-indexed research publications aligned with this goal, published between January 2025 and 2026

5
academic tracks involving sustainability, supporting cross-disciplinary learning

No non-research actions were recorded for this goal in the 2025–2026 action log
Contributing Colleges: College of Medicine (9), College of Science and General Studies

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 15 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 2.
- These have attracted 107 citations to date, with 13 appearing in Q1 journals and 12 produced through international co-authorship.

Global, regional and national burden of dietary iron deficiency from 1990 to 2021: a Global Burden of Disease study

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Nature Medicine — Article, Q1

Citations: 33

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105008398095

Smart plant disease diagnosis using multiple deep learning and web application integration

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Journal of Agriculture and Food Research — Article, Q1

Citations: 27

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/10500358280

Efficient and autonomous detection of olive leaf diseases using AI-enhanced MetaFormer

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Artificial Intelligence Review — Article, Q1

Citations: 20

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105010174405

Processed and ultra-processed foods are associated with depression and anxiety symptoms in a cross-sectional sample of urban Lebanese adults

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Nutrition Research — Article, Q1

Citations: 11

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/852140048825

Allelochemicals degradation and multifarious plant growth promoting potential of two Bacillus spp.: Insights into genomic potential and abiotic stress alleviation

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Chemosphere — Article, Q1

Citations: 5

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85216923704

Learn More

Scan the QR code to explore Alfaisal University's full record of sustainability actions and initiatives.

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University Policy

Related policy: Student Healthcare Policy

Scan the QR code to open Alfaisal University's Student Healthcare Policy



Impact Summary

Between January 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University's measurable contribution to SDG 2: Zero Hunger took the form of 15 peer-reviewed research publications, produced across 3 colleges. No non-research actions were recorded against this goal in the same period, which marks a clear opportunity for engagement, education and campus-operations activity in the next cycle.



SDG3: Good Health & Well Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 3 through medical, pharmacy and public health education, biomedical and AI-driven health research, and campus wellness programming. Its work spans clinical simulation and residency training, health promotion and vaccination campaigns, sports and active lifestyle initiatives, and student volunteering in Hajj emergency response, supported by partnerships with hospitals, foundations, sports federations and international universities.

69	11	26	11	21
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026	engagement actions	research & innovation actions	education actions	health & well-being actions

Contributing Departments: Alfaisal University, Alfaisal Wellbeing Office, College of Business, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation, College of Engineering, College of Medicine, College of Medicine (Medical Student Association), College of Medicine (Public Health), College of Pharmacy, College of Science & General Studies, Office of Research & Innovation, Wellbeing Office

Key Partnerships: King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC), NEOM, Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA), University of Toronto, University of Ottawa, Saudi Triathlon Federation, Hevolution Foundation, IRCAD, Prince Sultan University, King Saud University, Ministry of Health, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology

Engagement:

Alfaisal University Hosts University of Ottawa Delegation Reunion Reception

Date: February 18, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the University of Ottawa Delegation Alumni Reception, bringing together over 50 distinguished guests, including consultants, specialists, healthcare leaders, and faculty members from various Saudi hospitals and institutions.

Run4Rare Community Run Promotes Rare Disease Awareness

Date: February 22, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



On February 22nd, Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Run4Rare Event, a race and awareness initiative in honor of International Rare Disease Day. This collaborative effort between Alfaisal University, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC) and King Faisal Foundation (KFF) aimed to raise awareness about rare diseases and support those affected by these conditions.

Alfaisal University and NEOM Discuss Strategic Collaboration

Date: May 8, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM Health in a landmark meeting aimed at establishing a transformative partnership in healthcare education, workforce development, and system innovation. The meeting, held on the 8th of May, 2025 brought together leaders from both institutions to align visions for reshaping the future of health and wellness in Saudi Arabia.

Alfaisal Faculty Represents Saudi Arabia at Global Starfield Summit on Primary Health Care and Social Determinants of Health

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business



Senior faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University, Dr. Baraa Alghalyini and Dr. Abdul Rehman Zia Zaidi, proudly represented Saudi Arabia at the Starfield Summit 2025, held at Hart House, University of Toronto from May 14–16, 2025

Alfaisal Medical Students Support Hajj 1446H Emergency Response with Saudi Red Crescent Authority

Date: July 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

In a powerful reflection of Alfaisal University's commitment to service, healthcare innovation, and Vision 2030 priorities, a group of clinical-year medical students volunteered with the Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA) during the Hajj 1446H season, offering emergency response support in one of the largest annual gatherings in the world.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?"

Date: May 7, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



December 10, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Usman Mahmood, the Senior Director, Financial Risk at Tawuniya Insurance, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Alfaisal University Conducts Educational Field Trips

Date: January 12, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University organized a series of educational field trips for medical students in collaboration with Second Health Cluster and the Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA) as part of its experiential learning activities.

Pharmacy Deans Convene to Strengthen Academic Collaboration and Workforce Alignment Across the Kingdom

Date: February 3, 2026

Department: College of Pharmacy



Aligned with national efforts to enhance collaboration among Colleges of Pharmacy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Deans of Colleges of Pharmacy was hosted by the Alfaisal College of Pharmacy.

Medical Students Join Saudi Red Crescent in Makkah for Ramadan Volunteering Initiative

Date: March 31, 2026

Department: College of Medicine (Medical Student Association)



More than 70 medical students from the MSA Emergency Medicine Interest Group volunteered with the Saudi Red Crescent Authority in Makkah during Ramadan, supporting emergency medical care for pilgrims.

A Journey of Service and Compassion: Alfaisal Medical Students Conclude Hajj 1447 Mission

Date: June 8, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal medical students participated in the Hajj 1447 healthcare mission, providing medical support to pilgrims while gaining hands-on clinical experience and contributing to community health and well-being.

Alfaisal Wellbeing Office Launches the Tiny Habits Series to Inspire Healthier Everyday Habits Across Campus

Date: June 8, 2026

Department: Wellbeing Office



The Wellbeing Office introduced the Tiny Habits series to promote healthy lifestyles, mental well-being, and positive behavioral change among students, faculty, and staff across the university community.

Education:

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Enhances Education with its New Simulation Lab

Date: February 11, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – The Department of Pharmacy Practice at Alfaisal College of Pharmacy has unveiled a dedicated pharmacy simulation lab designed to elevate the educational experience for PharmD students. This innovative facility serves Year 3, 4, and 5 students, providing them with invaluable hands-on training in pharmacy practice.

College of Pharmacy team win 4th Place at the7th SIPHA Clinical Skills Competition 2025

Date: March 3, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy celebrates significant achievement, as students Mais Awad, Reem Temsah, and Lein Sammour achieved fourth place in the 7th SIPHA Clinical Skills Competition.

The competition, held over three days from 4-6 February was part of the Saudi International Pharmaceutical Sciences Meeting and Workshops (SIPHA), an annual conference attracting stakeholders from all sectors of the pharmacy field.

Alfaisal University Advances Medical Education at ICME 2025

Date: May 1, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly participated in the 2nd International Conference on Medical Education (ICME) as a Platinum Sponsor. Held from May 1–3, 2025, at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC), the conference convened educators, researchers, and learners to explore transformative directions in health professions education.

Alfaisal University Wins Health Workforce Development Excellence Award at CHI Excellence Awards 2024

Date: May 4, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University was honoured with the Health Workforce Development Excellence Award at the third edition of the Council of Health Insurance (CHI) Excellence Awards 2024 held on the 27th of April.

The award was presented by H.E. Fahad Abdulrahman Al-Jalajel, Minister of Health, to H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Hayaza, President of Alfaisal University, during the official ceremony.

Alfaisal Faculty Present Innovative Medical Education Initiative at University of Toronto's DFCM Conference

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On May 13, 2025, Dr. Baraa Alghalyini and Dr. Abdul Rehman Zia Zaidi, faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University, proudly represented the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the Department of Family & Community Medicine (DFCM) Annual Conference hosted by the University of Toronto.

COM Graduates Matching in the 2025 U.S. National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

Date: May 19, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University has achieved outstanding results in the 2025 U.S. National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), marking a historic milestone for its College of Medicine. This year, 58 graduates successfully matched into highly competitive residency programs across the United States, the highest number since the university's establishment.

Four Alfaisal Students Accepted into the Highly Competitive KAUST-ONT

Date: June 15, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

جامعة الملك عبدالله للعلوم والتقنية
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

Four out of nine from across Saudi Arabia of our students have been accepted into the highly competitive KAUST-ONT course on Nanopore DNA sequencing, a first-of-its-kind program in Saudi Arabia launched by KAUST in collaboration with Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) Inc.

Accreditation of Alfaisal's PhD in Biomedical Sciences Program

Date: August 27, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

الهيئة السعودية للتخصصات الصحية
Saudi Commission for Health Specialties

Alfaisal University is proud to announce that its PhD in Biomedical Sciences program has been officially accredited by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS). This is the first program of its kind in Saudi Arabia to receive SCFHS accreditation, distinguished by its unique academic and clinical tracks.

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: September 8, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD. The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

College of Medicine Celebrates the 9th Annual Mentorship Award Ceremony

Date: May 17, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The College of Medicine recognized outstanding mentors, peer mentors and mentees across multiple award categories, highlighting the role of mentorship in medical education and student academic, professional and personal development.

COM366 Launches the Middle East's First POEM Curriculum Track Embedding the Sustainable Development Goals into Medical Education

Date: June 21, 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Alfaisal University launched the region's first POEM curriculum track integrating the SDGs into medical education, preparing future physicians to address health equity, sustainability, and global health challenges through innovative teaching approaches.

Research & Innovation:

- Alfaisal University published 1279 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 3.
- These have attracted 6,885 citations to date, with 748 appearing in Q1 journals and 821 produced through international co-authorship

Contributing Colleges: College of Medicine (1142), College of Pharmacy (50), College of Engineering (46), College of Science and General Studies (30), College of Business (10), College of Law and International Relations (1)

Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology visits Alfaisal University

Date: January 13, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



Alfaisal University recently hosted researchers from the Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology (IPHT) at our campus in Riyadh to further strengthen our long-standing partnership. The visit, following a research exchange in Jena, Germany last summer, focused on discussions, lab tours, and updates on joint projects.

Three Innovations from Alfaisal University Selected by the Ministry of Education for the Geneva Innovation Conference 2024

Date: February 11, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation

The academic community at Alfaisal University is excited to announce that three distinguished faculty members—Dr. Farid Amalou, Dr. Ibrahim M. Salman, and Dr. Nidal Nasser—have been chosen to represent the Kingdom at the upcoming Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions 2025. This prestigious event is set to take place from April 9 to 13, 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Alfaisal University Team Reaches Final Round of SDAIA's Smart U Competition

Date: February 18, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University is proud to announce that a team of Software Engineering students successfully qualified for the final round of SDAIA's Smart U competition, a segment of the global Imagine Cup project. The team—comprising Siwar Raslan, Rahaf Alqahtani, and Leen Yarkhan

Alfaisal University Holds Research Symposium on Health Policy and Economics Development in Saudi Arabia

Date: February 27, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University organized a research symposium titled "Developing Health Policies and Economics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The symposium aimed to discuss the latest developments in health policies and related economics, while shedding light on the challenges and opportunities facing the healthcare sector in the Kingdom.

The King Salman Relief Hackathon: AI in Humanitarian Relief

Date: March 2, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The King Salman Relief Hackathon: AI in Humanitarian Relief for Healthcare concluded successfully on February 25th, showcasing the power of AI-driven solutions in crisis response. Held as part of the 4th Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum, this initiative was a collaborative effort between Alfaisal University, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) and the United Nations, bringing together innovators and problem-solvers to explore the transformative potential of AI.

Alfaisal University Wins Three International Medals at the 50th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions

Date: April 20, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2025 — Alfaisal University has achieved international recognition by winning three medals at the 50th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions. This prestigious event, renowned for showcasing cutting-edge innovations from around the world, honored the university's faculty members for their outstanding research contributions.

Alfaisal Medical Students Win 3rd Place at WiDS Riyadh for AI-Powered Health Innovation

Date: April 24, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Humaira Shahnawaz Khan Khalidi and Samer Hajjaj Saleh Ali Al Hajjaj, first-year medical students at Alfaisal University, secured 3rd place (10,000 SAR) at the Innovate for Impact Creative Sparks Challenge, held during the 8th International Conference – Women in Data Science (WiDS) Riyadh at Prince Sultan University, April 13–14, 2025.

Alfaisal University Dean of College of Medicine Dr. Khaled Al-Kattan Honored as a Pioneer in Organ Transplantation

Date: May 5, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On May 30th , His Excellecy the Minister of Health, Mr. Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al-Jalajel, honored Dr. Khaled Manna Al-Kattan, Dean of the College of Medicine at Alfaisal University and consultant in lung surgery and transplantation at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, at the Saudi Organ Transplantation Congress 2025 organized by the Saudi Center for Organ Transplantation.

Alfaisal University Hosts Proteomics KOLs Roundtable Meeting

Date: May 5, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University was honoured to host the Proteomics Key Opinion Leaders' (KOLs) Roundtable meeting on the 5th of May, organized by Olink-Sama Masa/Gulf Scientific Corp. This important event brought together over 30 key attendees from the proteomics landscape, including representatives from Olink, Sama Masa, and researchers from notable institutions such as KFSHRC Riyadh, KFSHRC Jeddah, KSU, Hevolution Foundation, KAIMRC, and KFMC.

Alfaisal University and Hevolution Foundation Discuss Longevity and Health Research

Date: May 6, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University had the privilege of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the Hevolution Foundation in a visit that sets the stage for transformative collaboration in longevity research and innovative healthcare initiatives. The visit, held May 6th 2025, marked a major step toward establishing a strategic, long-term partnership between the two forward-thinking institutions.

Alfaisal Medical Student Represents Arab Region at Global Immunology Conference in Belgium

Date: May 7, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University fifth-year medical student and emerging researcher Ghaith Adi participated in the prestigious Immune Niches in Cancer and Inflammation 2025 (INCI25) conference, held from May 7–9, 2025, in Bruges, Belgium. Organized by the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB), a global leader in life sciences research, the conference convened international experts to discuss recent breakthroughs in immunology, cancer biology, and inflammatory disease mechanisms.

Alfaisal University Student Wins First Place in MENA SCOPE & Heart Failure Conference 2024

Date: May 29, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University fourth-year medical student and BioX researcher Kenan Alaa Badran has been awarded first place for his abstract presentation at the MENA SCOPE & Heart Failure Conference 2024. This recognition was awarded by the awarded by the Saudi Cardiac Clinical Pharmacists (SCCP) and Saudi Heart Failure groups at the conference held from December 27–28, 2024.

Alfaisal University and Medident Japan Sign a Partnership Agreement

Date: September 11, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



RIYADH — Alfaisal University has partnered with Japan's Medident in a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at creating a new model for equitable, technology-driven healthcare innovation. The collaboration, which aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, was formalized at a signing ceremony at the Saudi Arabia Pavilion at the Osaka-Kansai Expo.

Alfaisal University Researchers Patent "Organs-on-Chips" Innovation

Date: October 14, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Alfaisal University congratulates Dr. Qasem Ramadan, Assistant Professor of Research (Chemistry), and Dr. Mohammed Zourob, Professor of Chemistry, on winning a patent for their invention: "Structure & function of modular microfluidic device for in-vitro modelling of human organs."

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Achieves 1st Place at KSAPT 2025

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



October 30, 2025: Alfaisal University – College of Pharmacy proudly concluded its successful participation in the 6th International Conference on Pharmacy and Toxicology (KSAPT 2025) in Dammam and Riyadh, marking an inspiring milestone for the College on both academic and competitive fronts.

Alfaisal Medical Student Mokshit Sathish Participates at the Global Falling Walls Science Summit 2025 in Berlin

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



From November 6th to 9th, the Global Falling Walls Science Summit 2025 was hosted in Berlin – a gathering of some of the most promising minds in the international research community, among them distinguished Nobel Prize laureates and prominent international stakeholders in research and science.

Alfaisal University Celebrates Success at the Space Lead 25 Conference

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – November 2025

Alfaisal University proudly participated in the Space Lead 25 Conference, a groundbreaking national event dedicated to advancing the Kingdom's vision in space science, medicine, and innovation.

Alfaisal University Celebrates SpaceLead'25 Hackathon Winners

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, November 11th 2025: Alfaisal University successfully concluded the SpaceLead'25 Hackathon, part of the landmark SpaceLead'25 Conference focused on "The Future of Health & Advanced Engineering in Space." The hackathon challenged student teams to propose innovative solutions across three key themes: Engineering & Design, Business Strategy, and Space Medicine, in an exhibition-style format featuring posters and prototypes.

Alfaisal University Researchers Secure U.S. Patent for Cancer-Targeting Nanocomposite

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



December 18, 2025: Alfaisal University researchers Dr. Edreese H. Alsharaeh and student researcher Anoud Abdulrahman Alkhayal were recognized on December 18 for securing a United States patent (US 12,478,590 B2), officially issued on November 25, 2025, for a stable, multifunctional tri-nanocomposite designed to enhance precision cancer treatment.

4th Year COM Student Raghda Adwan Represents Alfaisal University at the American Epilepsy Society (AES) Annual Meeting 2025

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Our Alfaisal's 4th year medical student Ms. Raghda Adwan attended and presented her research at the American Epilepsy Society (AES) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, USA which was held from December 5-9. The research presented was entitled: "Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy with Hippocampal Sclerosis in Association with Anti-Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase 65 Antibodies"

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, January 28 – 29, 2026: Alfaisal University participated in the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), a leading global platform dedicated to advancing data, artificial intelligence, and human capability development.

Introduction to Research Workshop Empowers College of Medicine Students

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Mentorship Program | College of Medicine | Alfaisal University January 24, January 31 & February 7, 2026 : The Mentorship Program at the College of Medicine, Alfaisal University, successfully delivered the Introduction to Research Workshop across three consecutive Saturdays (January 24, January 31, and February 7, 2026). The workshop welcomed 25 medical students from Years 2–5.

First Saudi Framework Symposium on Sexual Assault and Abuse Management: Multidisciplinary Assessment and Policy Integration

Date: February 25, 2026

Department: College of Medicine (Public Health)



Dr. Noara AlHusseini presented a public-health framework on national guidelines for sexual abuse and assault at a CME-accredited symposium bridging healthcare, forensic, legal and protection sectors toward a unified national policy.

Alfaisal University Students Secure 2nd and 4th Place at KSU Medical Research Forum

Date: March 31, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Three Alfaisal medical students placed in the top five of the poster competition at King Saud University's 8th Medical Students Research Forum, out of more than 650 submitted projects.

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Delegation Participate in the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) Annual Meeting

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: College of Pharmacy



College of Pharmacy faculty and students presented a talk on renal neuromodulation for hypertension and a poster on AI in cardiovascular physiology assessment at the ESH Annual Meeting in Gdansk, Poland.

Global, regional, and national prevalence of adult overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 917

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219548783

Burden of 375 diseases and injuries, risk-attributable burden of 88 risk factors, and healthy life expectancy in 204 countries and territories, including 660 subnational locations, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 444

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105019277501

Global, Regional, and National Burden of Cardiovascular Diseases and Risk Factors in 204 Countries and Territories, 1990-2023

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Journal of the American College of Cardiology — Article, Q1

Citations: 414

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105023210313

Global, regional, and national prevalence of child and adolescent overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 355

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219538023

Global burden of 292 causes of death in 204 countries and territories and 660 subnational locations, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 314

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105019266565

Health & Well-being

From Zero to Tri-Hero: A New Chapter for Triathlon in Saudi Arabia Alfaisal University Partners with the Saudi Triathlon Federation

Date: January 16, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly hosted a landmark event on January 16, 2025, to celebrate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Saudi Triathlon Federation (STF). This collaboration aims to cultivate a culture of wellness and athleticism within the university and beyond, offering opportunities for training, research, and community engagement.

Alfaisal University Female Basketball Team Finishes 4th in University Basketball Championship

Date: January 28, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Over the weekend, the Alfaisal University Female Basketball Team participated in the University Basketball Championship, finishing in 4th place after a series of challenging matches.

Tournament Highlights:

Game 1: Alfaisal University vs. King Saud University (KSU)

Game 2: Alfaisal University vs. Tabuk University

Game 3: Alfaisal University vs. Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (IMSIU)

Semi-finals: Alfaisal University vs. King Abdulaziz University

4th Place Match: Alfaisal University vs. Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University (PNU)

Team Members:

Farah Barakat
Ghada Dahman
Maha Shaheen
Leen Al Kassim
Leen Hakki
Areen AlKhatib
Lema Sibai
Maya Kayali
Joudi Bunian
Manal Abdelrahim
Sara Alnachef
Alae Aboussekhra

Alfaisal University Celebrates Success at Riyadh Marathon 2025

Date: February 25, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University's Wellbeing and Health Office (AU-WHO) celebrated the university's participation in the Riyadh Marathon 2025 with a commemorative event. Faculty, students, staff, and partners gathered to honor a day of resilience, teamwork, and commitment to wellness..

Alfaisal University Hosts the Wellbeing at Work Middle East Summit 2025 in Riyadh

Date: February 25, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Wellbeing at Work Middle East Summit 2025, an event that brought together global leaders, healthcare professionals, corporate executives, and HR experts dedicated to transforming workplace wellness. Held at the Princess Haya Bint Turki Auditorium, this gathering served as a platform for exchanging insights, pioneering strategies, and actionable solutions aimed at creating healthier and more productive work environments.

Three Pharmacists from Alfaisal University Alumni Honored with Vigilant Staff Award at Dr. Sulaiman Alhabib Hospital

Date: May 19, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



This spring, the Alfaisal Wellbeing Office (AWO) delivered two standout wellness initiatives aimed at promoting inclusive physical activity and community engagement: the 2nd cohort of "Never Too Late to Ride a Bike" and the 2025 edition of the "Journey to 5K" training program..

Inclusive Wellness in Action at Alfaisal University

Date: May 23, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University fifth-year medical student and emerging researcher Ghaith Adi participated in the prestigious Immune Niches in Cancer and Inflammation 2025 (INCI25) conference, held from May 7–9, 2025, in Bruges, Belgium. Organized by the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB), a global leader in life sciences research, the conference convened international experts to discuss recent breakthroughs in immunology, cancer biology, and inflammatory disease mechanisms.

Alfaisal University and the Tadawi Medical Association in Umluj Governorate Sign an Agreement to Enhance Healthcare and Community Wellbeing

Date: September 16, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, 16th of September 2025: Alfaisal University and the Tadawi Medical Association in Umluj Governorate signed an agreement (MoU) aimed at strengthening community partnerships and raising health awareness. Dr. Khalid Al-Kattan, Dean of the College of Medicine and Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs at the University, and Mr. Fahd Al-Hajuri, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tadawi Medical Association, signed the agreement

Lenah Almunajem Wins Silver Medal in the Saudi University Sports Federation's Archery Championship

Date: October 4, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, October 4, 2025: Second-year software engineering student Lina Al-Manjam won the silver medal in the Saudi University Sports Federation's Archery Championship.cancer biology, and inflammatory disease mechanisms.

Alfaisal University Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, October 2025: Alfaisal University signed a collaboration agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center during the Global Health Exhibition 2025, held from 27 – 30 October, to strengthen partnerships in medical and academic fields and promote the exchange of global expertise in healthcare.

Alfaisal University Teams Excel at the Global Health Exhibition 2025

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly recognizes the achievements of its students at the Global Health Exhibition (GHE) 2025 , held under the patronage of the Ministry of Health. This year, five Alfaisal student teams participated in the Live Well Youth Competition , with projects advised and mentored by various faculties at Alfaisal.

Dr. Qasem Ramadan Leads Specialized Organ-on-a-Chip Workshop at MicroTAS 2025 in Adelaide, Showcasing Saudi Research Excellence and Conference Participation

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



Adelaide, Australia, November 2 nd , 2025 : Alfaisal University is pleased to announce that Dr. Qasem Ramadan , Research Assistant Professor of Chemistry, led a specialized workshop titled " Organs-on-a-Chip for Pharmacokinetics & Immune/Metabolic Disease Modelling: Engineering, Validation, & Applications

Alfaisal University College of Medicine Hosts Type 2 Inflammation Preceptorship

Date: December 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Type 2 Inflammation Preceptorship , hosting Sanofi Company, was held on November 28th, 2025 at Alfaisal University . The event brought together leading experts in Allergy-Immunology, ENT, and Pulmonology for a collaborative day of scientific learning and clinical skill-building.

Alfaisal University Elevates Lifestyle Medicine Innovation in Hail

Date: December 3, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly served as an official academic partner in the Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad Lifestyle Medicine Hackathon 2025, held in Hail as part of the Hail International Lifestyle Medicine Conference. The event took place under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad bin Abdulaziz, Governor of the Hail Region, and was attended by His Excellency the Minister of Health along with senior officials from the Ministry of Health.

Global Recognition and Institutional Excellence: Alfaisal University Faculty Awards 2024–2025

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation



Stanford University's Annual 'World's Top 2% Scientists' List (2024)

This award category recognizes Alfaisal University faculty whose research excellence has earned international distinction through inclusion in Stanford University's Annual World's Top 2% Scientists list.

Shaping a Healthy Saudi 2040: Alfaisal University Hosts the 13th Annual HPP Exhibition

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On December 4, 2025, Alfaisal University's College of Medicine hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition, an academic initiative reflecting the university's ongoing commitment to community health education and future-oriented medical training.

13th Annual Health Promotion Project Exhibition: Back to the Future - A Healthier Saudi 2040

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University (AU-DFCM) proudly hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition at the College of Medicine, reaffirming its commitment to experiential learning, community engagement, and future-oriented medical education.

Alfaisal University Concludes First Phase of HPV Vaccination Campaign on Campus

Date: January 12, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the first phase of its HPV Vaccination Campaign, a health initiative aimed at raising awareness and expanding access to preventive care within the university community. The campaign was held on campus over several days and provided HPV vaccinations, educational materials, and on-site guidance to participants.

Alfaisal University Honors Student Excellence at the 13th Health Promotion Project Award Ceremony

Date: January 20, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The 13th Health Promotion Project (HPP) Award Ceremony celebrated student innovation, achievement, and excellence in public health. Outstanding teams were recognized across three categories following evaluation by a panel of healthcare and public health experts, highlighting the College of Medicine's commitment to experiential learning and leadership in health promotion.

Inauguration Ceremony of the New Simulation Center of the College of Medicine

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University Inaugurates Advanced Simulation Center at the College of Medicine

On February 9, 2026, Alfaisal University inaugurated the new Simulation Center at the College of Medicine's Department of Clinical Skills, marking a significant milestone in advancing experiential medical education, clinical competency, and patient safety.

Alfaisal University Hosts Wellbeing at Work Summit 2026

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: Alfaisal Wellbeing Office



A full-day summit organized by the Alfaisal Wellbeing Office featuring talks and workshops on workplace wellbeing, resilience, burnout prevention, leadership and work-life balance for faculty, staff and students.

One Community, One Finish Line: Alfaisal at Riyadh Marathon 2026

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: Alfaisal Wellbeing Office



On 4 February 2026, Alfaisal University hosted a Riyadh Marathon 2026 group photo on campus, bringing together students, faculty, and staff to celebrate the spirit of health, wellbeing, and community engagement.

Organized by the Alfaisal Wellbeing Office (AWO) in collaboration with the student running community, the event served as a positive campus engagement activity aligned with Alfaisal University's values of wellness, connection, and an active lifestyle.



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University Policy

Related policy: Student Healthcare Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 69 actions contributing to SDG 3, spanning 26 research & innovation, 21 health & well-being, 11 education, 11 engagement initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG4: QUALITY EDUCATION

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 4 by strengthening higher education in Saudi Arabia across medicine, pharmacy, engineering, business and law. Work in 2025 and 2026 spanned international program accreditation, new simulation and innovation laboratories, mentorship and faculty development, and student participation in national and global research, gaming and design competitions. Memoranda of understanding with international partners expanded joint curricula, fellowships and capacity building in artificial intelligence and space science.

90 actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

15 engagement actions

30 research & innovation actions

43 education actions

11 health & well-being actions

Contributing Departments: Alfaisal University, College of Business, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy, College of Engineering, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing (Industrial Engineering), College of Law & Int'l relations, College of Law & International Relations, College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Science & General Studies, University-wide, Wellbeing Office

Key Partnerships: Boeing, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC), NEOM, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA), King Saud University, ROSHN, Ministry of Health, University of Toronto, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Tencent, IRCAD, Tokyo University of Technology, SpaceData

Engagement

Annual Culture Day 2025

Date: January 21, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



January 21, 2025: Alfaisal University Medical Students Association (MSA) proudly held their much anticipated event of the year: The Annual Culture Day, celebrating the rich diversity of cultures within our community. Culture encompasses the shared knowledge, values, and experiences that shape human behavior, reflecting the unique traditions of every nation.

Alfaisal University College of Law & Int'l relationsand International Relations Joins the Prestigious Asian Law Institute (ASIL)

Date: February 4, 2025

Department: College of Law & Int'l relations



Alfaisal University's College of Law and International Relations has been accepted as the first Middle Eastern member of the prestigious Asian Law Institute (ASIL), a network of 80+ law schools across Asia and beyond.

Alfaisal University and NEOM Discuss Strategic Collaboration

Date: May 8, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM Health in a landmark meeting aimed at establishing a transformative partnership in healthcare education, workforce development, and system innovation. The meeting, held on the 8th of May, 2025 brought together leaders from both institutions to align visions for reshaping the future of health and wellness in Saudi Arabia.

College of Pharmacy at Alfaisal University Exhibits at Crossroads 2025 at KSU

Date: May 10, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



The College of Pharmacy at Alfaisal University participated in Crossroads 2025 at King Saud University (KSU), held from May 10-11, 2025. The event serves as the gateway for aspiring healthcare professionals to explore their future careers.

Alfaisal Faculty Appointed MENA Representative on IAMSE Ambassador Committee

Date: May 29, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Ayman Mohamed, faculty member in the Department of Medical Education, as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Representative on the Ambassador Committee of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE).

Students from the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, Lenah Almunajem and Nawaf Al-Bati, Achieve Gold Medal in the Kingdom's Archery Championship

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, October 11, 2025: Nawaf Al-Bati (Industrial Engineering major) and Lenah Almunajem (Software Engineering major), students from the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, achieved first place in the red bow category of the Olympic recurve bow under 21 years old at the Kingdom's Archery Championship.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Introduction to Private Equity"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 7, 2025: College of Business invited Mr. John Bowman, the Chief Executive Officer of Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association, CAIA, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Introduction to Private Equity" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

A Legacy of Service: Alfaisal University Honors HRH Princess Moudi and HH Princess Nouf

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy



Alfaisal University Inaugurates Advanced Simulation Center at the College of Medicine

On February 9, 2026, Alfaisal University inaugurated the new Simulation Center at the College of Medicine's Department of Clinical Skills, marking a significant milestone in advancing experiential medical education, clinical competency, and patient safety.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?"

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 10, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Usman Mahmood, the Senior Director, Financial Risk at Tawuniya Insurance, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?" was presented to the audience and College of Business students..

Alfaisal University Conducts Educational Field Trips

Date: January 12, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University organized a series of educational field trips for medical students in collaboration with Second Health Cluster and the Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA) as part of its experiential learning activities.

Pharmacy Deans Convene to Strengthen Academic Collaboration and Workforce Alignment Across the Kingdom

Date: February 3, 2026

Department: College of Pharmacy



Aligned with national efforts to enhance collaboration among Colleges of Pharmacy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Deans of Colleges of Pharmacy was hosted by the Alfaisal College of Pharmacy.

Alfaisal University Advances Saudi Canadian Academic Partnerships at Toronto Forum 2.0

Date: April 23, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



College of Medicine representatives joined the Canada-Saudi Education Partnership Forum 2.0 at the University of Toronto, advancing institutional and research partnerships with leading Canadian universities in line with Vision 2030.

Alfaisal University Showcases Academic Portfolio at NAFSA 2026

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: University-wide



Alfaisal joined the Saudi Ministry of Education pavilion at the NAFSA 2026 conference in Orlando, holding bilateral meetings on academic cooperation, research partnerships and student exchange under the Study in Saudi Arabia initiative and Vision 2030.

A Journey of Service and Compassion: Alfaisal Medical Students Conclude Hajj 1447 Mission

Date: June 8, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal medical students participated in the Hajj 1447 healthcare mission, providing medical support to pilgrims while gaining hands-on clinical experience and contributing to community health and well-being.

Alfaisal Wellbeing Office Launches the Tiny Habits Series to Inspire Healthier Everyday Habits Across Campus

Date: June 8, 2026

Department: Wellbeing Office



The Wellbeing Office introduced the Tiny Habits series to promote healthy lifestyles, mental well-being, and positive behavioral change among students, faculty, and staff across the university community.

Education:

Alfaisal University Hosts the Largest Global Game Jam Site in Saudi Arabia for 2025

Date: January 27, 2025

Department: College of Engieering



This past weekend, Alfaisal University proudly hosted the 2025 Global Game Jam for the fourth consecutive year in Riyadh, creating an incredible platform for creativity, innovation, and collaboration in the gaming and game development sector. Over 48 hours, participants worked tirelessly to craft games that not only entertained but also showcased the vibrant potential of local talent and global collaboration.

Alfaisal University Students Excel at the 15th Annual Middle East Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot

Date: February 3, 2025

Department: College of Law & Int'l relations



Alfaisal University's representative team from the College of Law and International Relations showcased incredible skill at the 15th Annual Middle East Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot in Abu Dhabi, advancing to the finals and achieving Second Place amongst 18 participating teams from 11 countries.

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Enhances Education with its New Simulation Lab

Date: February 11, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – The Department of Pharmacy Practice at Alfaisal College of Pharmacy has unveiled a dedicated pharmacy simulation lab designed to elevate the educational experience for PharmD students. This innovative facility serves Year 3, 4, and 5 students, providing them with invaluable hands-on training in pharmacy practice.

Alfaisal Students in the Qimam Fellowship

Date: February 13, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The Qimam Fellowship program, supported by a coalition of leading national and international companies, aims to identify, develop, and empower the promising and distinguished university students in and from Saudi Arabia to achieve their full potential.

Celebrating a Milestone: The First Graduates of the ABM Program

Date: February 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The Accelerated Bachelor's and Master's (ABM) Program proudly announces its first graduates: Nouf Farhoud and Lama Alshammari. This innovative program, a collaboration between Alfaisal University and KAUST, provides eligible, high-performing undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn both a Bachelor's degree from Alfaisal and a Master of Science degree from KAUST within a five-year period.

Insights on Legal Careers by Dr. Eyad Reda

Date: February 27, 2025

Department: College of Law & Int'l relations



As Alfaisal University's College of Law & International Relations gears up to graduate their first cohort, the university proudly welcomed Dr. Eyad Reda, Executive Partner at Eyad Reda Law Firm & Legal Consultations. This esteemed event was organized by the Alumni & Placement Relations Department in collaboration with Eyad Reda Law Firm, a valued ongoing partner of the university.

College of Pharmacy team win 4th Place at the7th SIPHA Clinical Skills Competition 2025

Date: March 3, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy celebrates significant achievement, as students Mais Awad, Reem Temsah, and Lein Sammour achieved fourth place in the 7th SIPHA Clinical Skills Competition.

College of Pharmacy's Achieves the AHPGS International Accreditation

Date: March 18, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



The 2024-2025 academic year has been a big exhilarating period for the College of Pharmacy (COP) at Alfaisal University, during which it pursued the international accreditation process for its 6-year Pharm D program. This assessment represents a demonstration of the college's commitment to academic success and ongoing improvement.

College of Pharmacy Students Win Two Honors at PES&P 2025 Conference

Date: April 17, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



Two teams of our talented Year 4 students represented Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy with excellence and brought home top honors from the Pharmacy Education, Science and Practice (PES&P) 2025 Conference, hosted by Qatar University in Doha from April 17–19, 2025.

Alfaisal Student Writing Team Wins First Place in First Inter-University Writing Competition

Date: April 27, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



The English Department and the College of Science and General Studies are thrilled to announce that our Alfaisal Student Writing Team has won first place in the first Inter-University Writing Competition, hosted by Prince Sultan University on April 15.

Alfaisal University Advances Medical Education at ICME 2025

Date: May 1, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal medical students participated in the Hajj 1447 healthcare mission, providing medical support to pilgrims while gaining hands-on clinical experience and contributing to community health and well-being.

Alfaisal University Wins Health Workforce Development Excellence Award at CHI Excellence Awards 2024

Date: May 4, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University was honoured with the Health Workforce Development Excellence Award at the third edition of the Council of Health Insurance (CHI) Excellence Awards 2024 held on the 27th of April.

Alfaisal University Hosts the Gaming and Innovation Conference 2025

Date: May 8, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Alfaisal Gaming and Innovation Conference (AGI) from April 30 – May 1, 2025, under the esteemed patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Sultan, President of the Saudi Federation for eSports and the Arab Federation for eSports.

Annual Engineering Design Expo and 7th Boeing Competition

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University Inaugurates Advanced Simulation Center at the Alfaisal University's 7th Annual Engineering Design Expo and the Boeing Competition was held on Sunday, April 27th showcasing the exceptional talent and innovative spirit of engineering students. The event brought together over 300 students who presented a total of 121 projects across six main engineering disciplines: Architectural, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Software, and Applied AI.

Alfaisal Faculty Present Innovative Medical Education Initiative at University of Toronto's DFCM Conference

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On May 13, 2025, Dr. Baraa Alghalyini and Dr. Abdul Rehman Zia Zaidi, faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University, proudly represented the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the Department of Family & Community Medicine (DFCM) Annual Conference hosted by the University of Toronto.

COM Graduates Matching in the 2025 U.S. National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

Date: May 19, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University has achieved outstanding results in the 2025 U.S. National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), marking a historic milestone for its College of Medicine. This year, 58 graduates successfully matched into highly competitive residency programs across the United States, the highest number since the university's establishment.

Alfaisal University Celebrates Mentorship Excellence at the 2024–2025 Award Ceremony

Date: May 22, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Alhayaza, President of Alfaisal University, the College of Medicine hosted its 8th annual Outstanding Mentor and Mentee Award Ceremony to celebrate the remarkable contributions to the Mentorship Program during the academic year 2024–2025.

Four Alfaisal Students Accepted into the Highly Competitive KAUST-ONT

Date: June 15, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Four out of nine from across Saudi Arabia of our students have been accepted into the highly competitive KAUST-ONT course on Nanopore DNA sequencing, a first-of-its-kind program in Saudi Arabia launched by KAUST in collaboration with Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) Inc.

Engineering Students Visit the Saudi Arabian Military Industries Aerospace Composites

Date: June 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



As part of the University's commitment to experiential learning and industry engagement, the Alumni and Placement Relations Department, in collaboration with the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, organized an educational site visit to Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI) Aerospace Composites for engineering students.

Alfaisal University Earns Full Program Accreditation for Business and Pharmacy Program

Date: July 9, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University is proud to announce that the Education and Training Evaluation Commission through The National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation (NCAAA) has granted full program accreditation to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program in the College of Business and the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program in the College of Pharmacy.

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Date: July 9, 2025

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Accreditation of Alfaisal's PhD in Biomedical Sciences Program

Date: August 27, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Alfaisal University is proud to announce that its PhD in Biomedical Sciences program has been officially accredited by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS). This is the first program of its kind in Saudi Arabia to receive SCFHS accreditation, distinguished by its unique academic and clinical tracks.

College of Business Students Attend the Global Fintech Conference | Money 20/20 Middle East

Date: September 15, 2025

Department: College of Busieness



AA group of College of Business students attended The Global Fintech Conference "Money 20/20", held from September 15–17, 2025, at the Riyadh Exhibition and Convention Centre, in a trip organized by Dr. Adnan Abo Alhaija from the College of Business, who guided about 35 finance students to the conference on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts at the Diriyah Art Futures

Date: September 24, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal's AI Center arranged a group visit for students and faculty affiliates to the Diriya Art Futures exhibition, "Art Must Be Artificial: Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts," curated by Jerome Neutres and featuring the work of over 30 artists from around the world. The exhibit maps the evolution of computer art from its origins in the 1960s to today's cutting-edge digital practices.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Social PPP's in Action"

Date: September 24, 2025

Department: College of Business



September 24, 2025 College of Business invited Mr. Sultan Alamer to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. Mr. Mr. Sultan is a Senior Advisor at National Center for Privatization & PPP.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Supply Chain Management in the World of AI"

Date: October 15, 2025

Department: College of Business



October 15, 2025: College of Business invited Dr. Adegoke Oke, Chair of the Supply Chain Management Department at Arizona State University and Dr. Brett Duarte, Clinical Associate Professor, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Cybersecurity Reinvented: From Firewalls to the Cloud & Beyond" by Mr. Weam Munshi

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



February 4, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Weam Munshi, the Head of Information Security at Tabby, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Cybersecurity Reinvented: From Firewalls to the Cloud & Beyond " was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Family Business in KSA, the Role of NCFB

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Business



Guest lecture by Dr. Ayth Almubarak, CEO of the National Center for Family Businesses, delivered to College of Business students on the governance, succession, and professional-management practices needed for the long-term sustainability of family enterprises, which make up roughly 95% of firms in the Kingdom.

Alfaisal University Hosts Saudi Engineering Council Delegation for Guest Talk

Date: February 25, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing (Industrial Engineering)



The Industrial Engineering Department hosted a Saudi Engineering Council delegation for sessions on professional registration, licensing, continuing professional development and career pathways for IE students.

College of Medicine Celebrates the 9th Annual Mentorship Award Ceremony

Date: May 17, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The College of Medicine recognized outstanding mentors, peer mentors and mentees across multiple award categories, highlighting the role of mentorship in medical education and student academic, professional and personal development.

College of Law and International Relations Student Sarah Al-Mishari Wins the Prince Faisal bin Bandar Award for Excellence and Creativity (Fourth Edition)

Date: June 2, 2026

Department: College of Law & International Relations



Student Sarah Al-Mishari won the Prince Faisal bin Bandar Award for Excellence and Creativity in the Outstanding University Student category, an award supporting a culture of excellence and a knowledge-based society under Vision 2030.

Alfaisal University MBA Program Receives Full NCAAA Accreditation

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: College of Business



Alfaisal's MBA program received full accreditation from the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation (NCAAA), reinforcing the program's academic quality and regional standing.

HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Inaugurates "SAVVY" Esports Academy in Alfaisal University

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: University-wide



HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal inaugurated the SAVVY Esports Academy, a nine-month program offering hands-on game design and development training to build national talent for the gaming and esports industry in line with Vision 2030.

COM366 Launches the Middle East's First POEM Curriculum Track Embedding the Sustainable Development Goals into Medical Education

Date: June 21, 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Alfaisal University launched the region's first POEM curriculum track integrating the SDGs into medical education, preparing future physicians to address health equity, sustainability, and global health challenges through innovative teaching approaches.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 98 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 4.
- These have attracted 454 citations to date, with 55 appearing in Q1 journals and 53 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Medicine (61), College of Engineering (21), College of Business (13), College of Science and General Studies (2), College of Law and International Relations (1)

Alfaisal University Students at DUPHAT 2025

Date: January 7, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



Alfaisal University celebrates the achievement of two College of Pharmacy students, Hussam Alhamad (Year 5) and Ghaith Mansour (Year 4), who represented the University on an international stage at the Dubai International Pharmaceuticals & Technologies Conference and Exhibition (DUPHAT 2025)

Advancing Innovation: College of Engineering and Advanced Computing Hosts Seminar by Dr. Chen on Medical Device Safety and Graduate Opportunity

Date: January 8, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The College of Engineering and Advanced Computing organized a research seminar on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, delivered by Dr. Chen. The seminar was titled: " Recent Research, Certification, and Solutions for MRI Safety of Medical Implants & Graduate Studies at the University of Houston."

Dr. Lara Samhan's Achievement in Being Amongst Top 6 Entrepreneurs in Jeddah Region in a Competition Involving More Than 50 Entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia at the Global Student Entrepreneur Award (GSEA)

Date: January 12, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University has a strong commitment to fostering community engagement and advancement across all its initiatives. At the vanguard of innovation and design thinking within the university, Dimensions Startup Studio stands as a central hub where creativity flourishes.

Alfaisal University Team Reaches Final Round of SDAIA's Smart U Competition

Date: February 18, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University is proud to announce that a team of Software Engineering students successfully qualified for the final round of SDAIA's Smart U competition, a segment of the global Imagine Cup project.

Dimensions Startup Studio Honors Innovathon 2024 Winners

Date: February 26, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Dimensions Startup Studios at Alfaisal University reaffirmed dedication to innovation and entrepreneurship through the annual INNOVATHON initiative, a competition challenging participants to develop groundbreaking solutions for humanity. Winners earned a year-long placement in the SparkTank Incubation Program, transforming ideas into impactful startups.

Alfaisal Medical Student Represents Arab Region at Global Immunology Conference in Belgium

Date: May 7, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University fifth-year medical student and emerging researcher Ghaith Adi participated in the prestigious Immune Niches in Cancer and Inflammation 2025 (INCI25) conference, held from May 7–9, 2025, in Bruges, Belgium. disease mechanisms.

Alfaisal University and Medident Japan Sign a Partnership Agreement

Date: September 11, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



RIYADH — Alfaisal University has partnered with Japan's Medident in a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at creating a new model for equitable, technology-driven healthcare innovation. The collaboration, which aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, was formalized at a signing ceremony at the Saudi Arabia Pavilion at the Osaka-Kansai Expo.

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: October 12, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD . The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

Agentic AI Seminar

Date: October 20, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The AI Research Center at Alfaisal University hosted a seminar titled "A Practical Tour of Agentic AI Challenges and Opportunities," on October 15th as part of its ongoing AI Seminar Series, which brings together leading experts to discuss advances and societal impacts of artificial intelligence (AI).

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Achieves 1st Place at KSAPT 2025

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



October 30, 2025: Alfaisal University – College of Pharmacy proudly concluded its successful participation in the 6th International Conference on Pharmacy and Toxicology (KSAPT 2025) in Dammam and Riyadh, marking an inspiring milestone for the College on both academic and competitive fronts.

Tencent's Game Development Pilot Training Program at Alfaisal University

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University, in partnership with Tencent, hosted the Game Development Training Workshop, organized by the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing's Game Innovation Center, a three-day series designed to equip students with practical skills in game design, artificial intelligence (AI), and user-generated content creation through expert-led sessions and hands-on learning.

Alfaisal University Celebrates Success at the Space Lead 25 Conference

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – November 2025

Alfaisal University proudly participated in the Space Lead 25 Conference, a groundbreaking national event dedicated to advancing the Kingdom's vision in space science, medicine, and innovation.

Alfaisal University Celebrates SpaceLead'25 Hackathon Winners

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, November 11th 2025: Alfaisal University successfully concluded the SpaceLead'25 Hackathon, part of the landmark SpaceLead'25 Conference focused on "The Future of Health & Advanced Engineering in Space." The hackathon challenged student teams to propose innovative solutions across three key themes: Engineering & Design, Business Strategy, and Space Medicine, in an exhibition-style format featuring posters and prototypes.

Alfaisal University Successfully Concludes SpaceLead Conference

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the SpaceLead'25 Conference, held under the generous patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. This first-of-its-kind conference in the Kingdom marks a defining step toward advancing scientific dialogue, innovation, and leadership in space science and technology.

Dimensions Startup Studio Showcases Innovation and Entrepreneurial Vision at SpaceLead'25

Date: December 4, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – The SpaceLead'25 conference, organized by Alfaisal University, brought together global experts to discuss the future of health and advanced engineering in space. As part of the interactive exhibition, Dimensions Startup Studio engaged visitors by showcasing the studio and its entrepreneurial vision—highlighting its essential role in advancing the sector.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Empowering Future Leaders"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 2, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Fernando Vallina, Chairman, CEO & President for ExxonMobil Saudi Arabia Inc, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Empowering Future Leaders" was presented to the audience and College of Business students

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 3, 2025: College of Business invited Dr. Saleh Alansari, the CEO of Alansari Consulting in Bahrain, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Racing Ahead: Alfaisal Formula Team Makes Its Mark Down Under in Asutralia!

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly announces the outstanding performance of its Alfaisal Formula Team at the Formula Student Competition in Australia. The team exhibited exceptional technical expertise and driving skills, making a strong mark on an international stage.

Saudi Vision 2030 Drives Economic Diversification, Highlights at Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026

Date: December 22, 2025

Department: College of Business



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – December 15, 2025 : Dr. Adnan Abo Alhaija , Associate Professor of Finance at Alfaisal University , presented key findings on the measurable impact of Vision 2030 during Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026 , emphasizing the Kingdom's transition toward a more diversified and sustainable economy.

4th Year COM Student Raghda Adwan Represents Alfaisal University at the American Epilepsy Society (AES) Annual Meeting 2025

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Our Alfaisal's 4th year medical student Ms. Raghda Adwan attended and presented her research at the American Epilepsy Society (AES) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, USA which was held from December 5-9. The research presented was entitled: "Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy with Hippocampal Sclerosis in Association with Anti-Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase 65 Antibodies" a team work involving King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, National Guard Health Affairs, and Alfaisal University researchers.

Alfaisal University Concludes the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025 Under the Theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet"

Date: January 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025, held on December 17 and 18, under the theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet." The conference brought together academics, policymakers, and industry professionals for two days of structured dialogue and research exchange on the evolving role of corporate governance in supporting economic performance, social responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

Alfaisal University Signs Strategic MoUs with Tokyo University of Technology and SpaceData to Advance Deep Tech and Space Innovation

Date: January 15, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, January 11th, 2026: Alfaisal University has announced the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Tokyo University of Technology (School of Design) and SpaceData to advance joint initiatives in deep tech and space innovation. The agreements were signed by HRH Princess Maha Mishari Alsaud, the University's VP for External Affairs and Advancement, in the presence of H.E. the Saudi Minister of Investment and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with SDAIA to Strengthen Academic Programs and AI Capacity Building at ICAN 2026

Date: January 29, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, 28th of January 2026: Alfaisal University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA) on the sidelines of the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), held in King Saud University, Riyadh.

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, January 28 – 29, 2026: Alfaisal University participated in the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), a leading global platform dedicated to advancing data, artificial intelligence, and human capability development.

A Remarkable Debut for Alfaisal University at Shell Eco-marathon Qatar 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Qatar, January 21–25, 2026 — Alfaisal University's Shell Eco-marathon team proudly marked a major milestone with its first-ever participation in the Shell Eco-marathon Qatar, held at the iconic Lusail International Circuit. Representing the University, Alfaisal's Prototype Battery Electric Vehicle (Code 338) competed on the international stage, showcasing student-led innovation, engineering excellence, and a strong commitment to sustainable mobility.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Digital Infrastructure" by Mr. Mohamad ElBakri

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



January 28, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Mohamad ElBakri, the Head of Real Estate & Infrastructure Advisor in JLL, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Digital Infrastructure " was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Introduction to Research Workshop Empowers College of Medicine Students

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Mentorship Program | College of Medicine | Alfaisal University January 24, January 31 & February 7, 2026 : The Mentorship Program at the College of Medicine, Alfaisal University, successfully delivered the Introduction to Research Workshop across three consecutive Saturdays (January 24, January 31, and February 7, 2026). The workshop welcomed 25 medical students from Years 2–5.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group"

Date: February 12, 2026

Department: College of Business



February 9, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Samit Nag, Director of World Bank Group HR & Ms. Mabel Emmanie-Algis Udoh, Manager of Talent Attraction, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

A Milestone for Innovation and Experiential Learning: Alfaisal Students Secure Top Honors at La Fabrique International Game Jam and KSAU Hackathon

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Alfaisal student teams took 1st, 2nd and 4th place at the La Fabrique International Game Jam in Riyadh, building original game prototypes in 72 hours, and a separate team reached the top 10% of 1,900 international projects at the KSAU Hackathon.

Software Engineering Students Showcase AI-enabled VR Training Systems at the World Defense Show (WDS 2026)

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Six Software Engineering students presented a year-long capstone project from the AI Research Center (with PSDSARC) demonstrating an AI-driven scenario-generation and VR training pipeline, gaining feedback from industry experts at the World Defense Show.

A systematic literature review to implement large language model in higher education: issues and solutions

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Discover Education — Review, Q2

Citations: 47

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219660112

Using large language models (ChatGPT, Copilot, PaLM, Bard, and Gemini) in Gross Anatomy course: Comparative analysis

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Clinical Anatomy — Article, Q2

Citations: 42

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85209903001

Claude, ChatGPT, Copilot, and Gemini performance versus students in different topics of neuroscience

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Advances in Physiology Education — Article, Q2

Citations: 38

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105002561167

Comparative analysis of LLMs performance in medical embryology: A cross-platform study of ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Copilot

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Anatomical Sciences Education — Article, Q1

Citations: 34

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105004761213

Artificial intelligence in healthcare education: evaluating the accuracy of ChatGPT, Copilot, and Google Gemini in cardiovascular pharmacology

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Frontiers in Medicine — Article, Q1

Citations: 26

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219632440

Health & Well-being:

Alfaisal University Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicice



Riyadh, October 2025: Alfaisal University signed a collaboration agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center during the Global Health Exhibition 2025, held from 27 – 30 October, to strengthen partnerships in medical and academic fields and promote the exchange of global expertise in healthcare.

Alfaisal University Teams Excel at the Global Health Exhibition 2025

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly recognizes the achievements of its students at the Global Health Exhibition (GHE) 2025 , held under the patronage of the Ministry of Health. This year, five Alfaisal student teams participated in the Live Well Youth Competition , with projects advised and mentored by various faculties at Alfaisal.

Dr. Qasem Ramadan Leads Specialized Organ-on-a-Chip Workshop at MicroTAS 2025 in Adelaide, Showcasing Saudi Research Excellence and Conference Participation

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



Adelaide, Australia, November 2nd, 2025: Alfaisal University is pleased to announce that Dr. Qasem Ramadan, Research Assistant Professor of Chemistry, led a specialized workshop titled "Organs-on-a-Chip for Pharmacokinetics & Immune/Metabolic Disease Modelling: Engineering, Validation, & Applications" at the 29th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (MicroTAS 2025), held from 2–6 November in Adelaide, Australia.

Alfaisal University College of Medicine Hosts Type 2 Inflammation Preceptorship

Date: December 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Type 2 Inflammation Preceptorship , hosting Sanofi Company, was held on November 28th, 2025 at Alfaisal University . The event brought together leading experts in Allergy-Immunology, ENT, and Pulmonology for a collaborative day of scientific learning and clinical skill-building.

Alfaisal University Elevates Lifestyle Medicine Innovation in Hail

Date: December 3, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly served as an official academic partner in the Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad Lifestyle Medicine Hackathon 2025, held in Hail as part of the Hail International Lifestyle Medicine Conference. The event took place under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad bin Abdulaziz, Governor of the Hail Region, and was attended by His Excellency the Minister of Health along with senior officials from the Ministry of Health. Organized by the Ministry of Health – Hail Branch, the national innovation gathering attracted more than 400 participants from across Saudi Arabia.

Global Recognition and Institutional Excellence: Alfaisal University Faculty Awards 2024–2025

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: : College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation



Stanford University's Annual 'World's Top 2% Scientists' List (2024)

This award category recognizes Alfaisal University faculty whose research excellence has earned international distinction through inclusion in Stanford University's Annual World's Top 2% Scientists list.

Shaping a Healthy Saudi 2040: Alfaisal University Hosts the 13th Annual HPP Exhibition

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On December 4, 2025, Alfaisal University's College of Medicine hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition, an academic initiative reflecting the university's ongoing commitment to community health education and future-oriented medical training.

13th Annual Health Promotion Project Exhibition: Back to the Future - A Healthier Saudi 2040

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University (AU-DFCM) proudly hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition at the College of Medicine, reaffirming its commitment to experiential learning, community engagement, and future-oriented medical education.

Alfaisal University Concludes First Phase of HPV Vaccination Campaign on Campus

Date: January 12, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the first phase of its HPV Vaccination Campaign, a health initiative aimed at raising awareness and expanding access to preventive care within the university community. The campaign was held on campus over several days and provided HPV vaccinations, educational materials, and on-site guidance to participants.

Alfaisal University Honors Student Excellence at the 13th Health Promotion Project Award Ceremony

Date: January 20, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The 13th Health Promotion Project (HPP) Award Ceremony celebrated student innovation, achievement, and excellence in public health. Outstanding teams were recognized across three categories following evaluation by a panel of healthcare and public health experts, highlighting the College of Medicine's commitment to experiential learning and leadership in health promotion.

Inauguration Ceremony of the New Simulation Center of the College of Medicine

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University Inaugurates Advanced Simulation Center at the College of Medicine

On February 9, 2026, Alfaisal University inaugurated the new Simulation Center at the College of Medicine's Department of Clinical Skills, marking a significant milestone in advancing experiential medical education, clinical competency, and patient safety.





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University Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 90 actions contributing to SDG 4, spanning 30 research & innovation, 15 engagement, 34 education, 11 health & well-being initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.



SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 5 by supporting the participation and achievement of women in university sport and by contributing public health expertise to national policy on gender-based violence. Female student athletes competed in the University Basketball Championship and in the Saudi University Sports Federation Archery Championship, while faculty presented a national framework for sexual assault and abuse management at a CME-accredited symposium.

3 actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

2 health & well-being actions

1 research & innovation action

Contributing Departments: Alfaisal University, College of Engineering, College of Medicine (Public Health)

Key Partnerships:

Saudi University Sports Federation, King Saud University, Ministry of Education, Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, King Abdulaziz University.

Research & Innovation

29 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 5.

162 citations to date

24 appearing in Q1 journals

21 international co-authorship. action

Contributing Departments: College of Medicine (16), College of Business (9), College of Engineering (3), College of Law and International Relations (1)

Key Partnerships: Saudi University Sports Federation, King Saud University, Ministry of Education, Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, King Abdulaziz University.

First Saudi Framework Symposium on Sexual Assault and Abuse Management: Multidisciplinary Assessment and Policy Integration

Date: February 25, 2026

Department: College of Medicine (Public Health)



Dr. Noara AlHusseini presented a public-health framework on national guidelines for sexual abuse and assault at a CME-accredited symposium bridging healthcare, forensic, legal and protection sectors toward a unified national policy.

Global, regional and national burden of dietary iron deficiency from 1990 to 2021: a Global Burden of Disease study

Department: College of Medicine

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Nature Medicine — Article, Q1

Citations: 33

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105008398095

Assessing Familiarity, Usage Patterns, and Attitudes of Medical Students Toward ChatGPT and Other Chat-Based AI Apps in Medical Education: Cross-Sectional Questionnaire Study

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: JMIR Medical Education — Article, Q1

Citations: 24

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85217120170

Disease burden attributable to intimate partner violence against females and sexual violence against children in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023 Health & Wellbeing

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 18

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105026618723

Do Women on Boards Drive Corporate Sustainability? Evidence From the European Union

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management — Article, Q1

Citations: 16

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105013751876

Endometrial Organoids and Their Role in Modeling Human Infertility

Publication Year: 2025

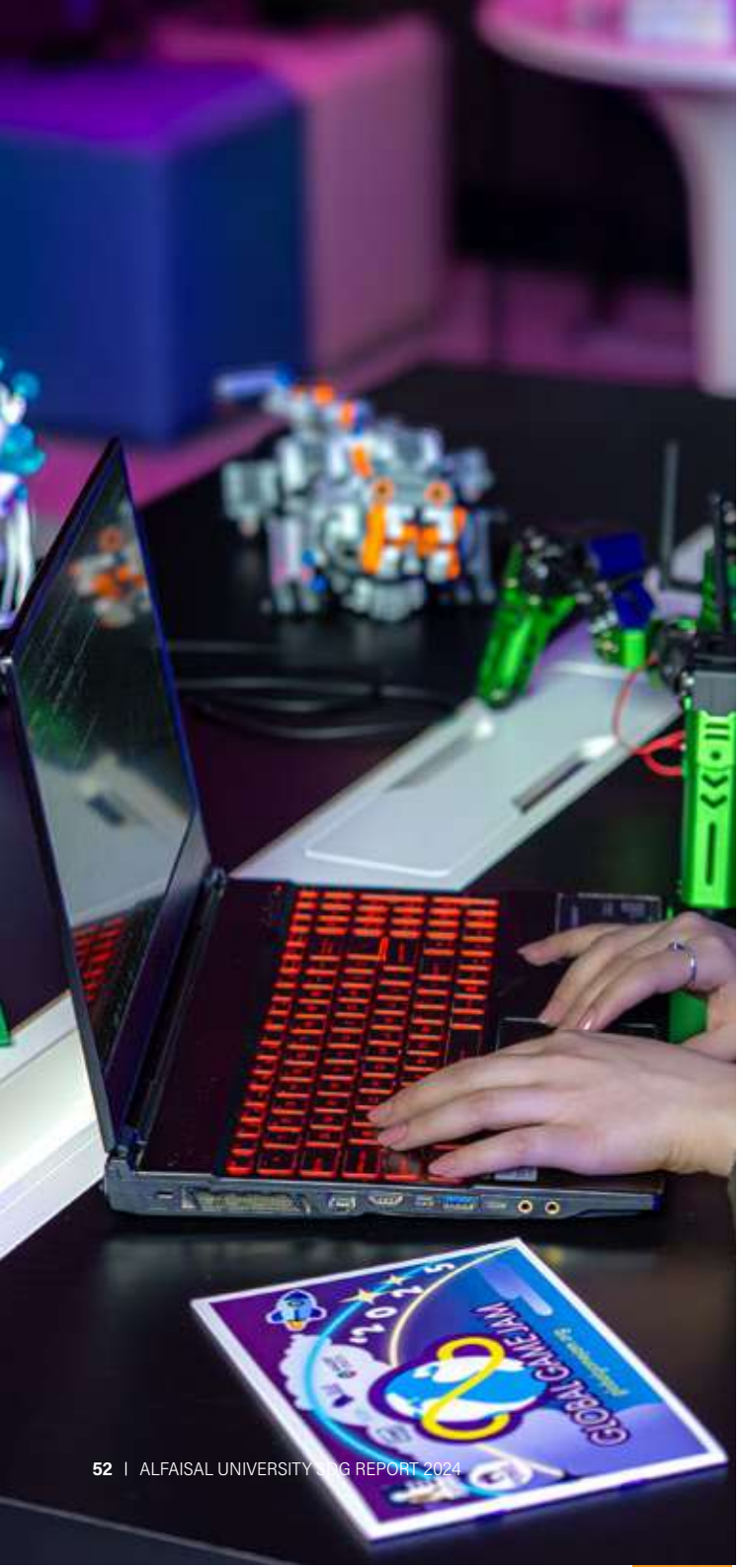
Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Cells — Review, Q1

Citations: 11

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Alfaisal University Female Basketball Team Finishes 4th in University Basketball Championship

Date: January 28, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Over the weekend, the Alfaisal University Female Basketball Team participated in the University Basketball Championship, finishing in 4th place after a series of challenging matches. Tournament Highlights: Game 1: Alfaisal University vs.

Lenah Almunajem Wins Silver Medal in the Saudi University Sports Federation's Archery Championship

Date: October 4, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Lenah Almunajem Wins Silver Medal in the Saudi University Sports Federation's Archery Championship AchivementsAwardsCollege of Engineering October 12, 2025

Updated: October 12, 2025 Riyadh, October 4, 2025: Second-year software engineering student Lina Al-Manjam won the silver medal in the Saudi University Sports Federation's Archery Championship. The championship was held under the patronage of

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University Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 3 actions contributing to SDG 5, spanning 2 health & well-being, 1 research & innovation initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Overview:

Alfaisal University contributes to SDG 6 principally through research. Between January 2025 and 2026 the University produced 25 Scopus-indexed publications aligned with this goal, led by the College of Engineering and the College of Science and General Studies. The work concentrates on water treatment and water quality: adsorption and photocatalytic removal of dyes, heavy metals, pesticides and antibiotic residues from water and wastewater; electrochemical and biosensor methods for detecting contaminants and waterborne pathogens; seawater electrolysis and desalination economics; and the global burden of diarrhoeal disease attributable to unsafe water and sanitation.

25
Scopus-indexed research publications aligned with this goal, published between January 2025 and 2026

330
citations received by this body of work to date

No non-research actions were recorded for this goal in the 2025–2026 action log

Contributing Colleges: College of Engineering (13), College of Science and General Studies (10), College of Medicine (2)

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 25 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 6.
- These have attracted 330 citations to date, with 21 appearing in Q1 journals and 23 produced through international co-authorship.

CGlobal, regional, and national age-sex-specific burden of diarrhoeal diseases, their risk factors, and aetiologies, 1990–2021, for 204 countries and territories: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

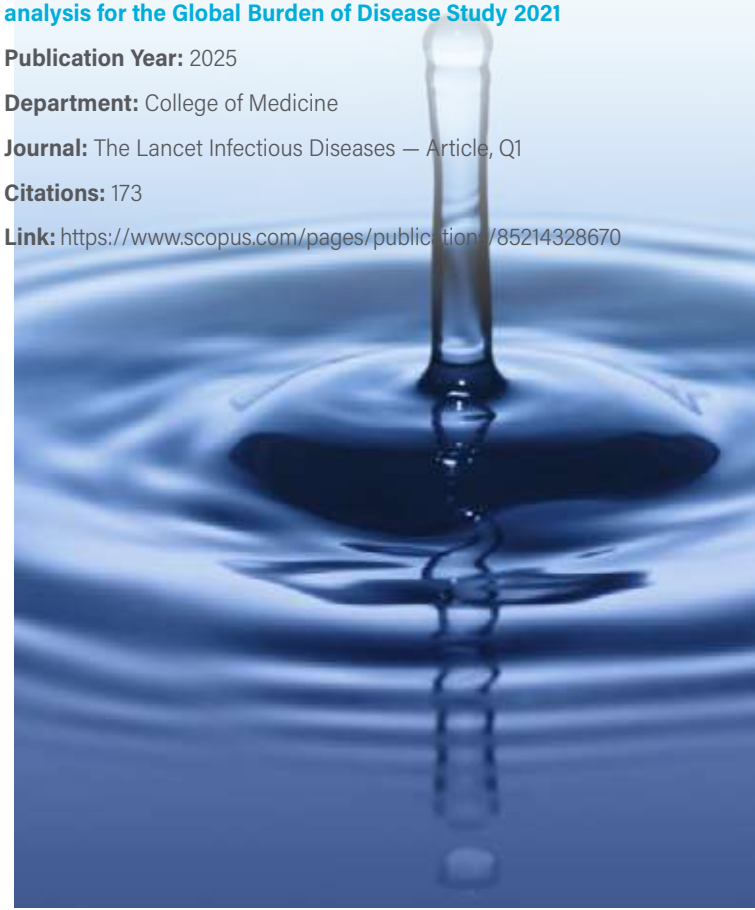
Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet Infectious Diseases — Article, Q1

Citations: 173

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publication/85214328670



Design strategies for cost-effective high-performance electrocatalysts in seawater electrolysis to produce hydrogen

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies

Journal: Journal of Energy Chemistry — Review, Q1

Citations: 29

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85210354511

Multiplex electrochemical aptasensor for the simultaneous detection of linomycin and neomycin antibiotics

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Talanta — Article, Q1

Citations: 21

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85205369944

Electrochemical catalytic oxidation treatment of highly saline organic wastewater in coal chemical industry

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Separation and Purification Technology — Article, Q1

Citations: 18

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85211071604

Novel polypyrrole-coated ZnCo2O4 spinel nanostructures for prompt and efficient adsorption of Cr(VI) from wastewater

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: : Applied Surface Science — Article, Q1

Citations: 12

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85214866663

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University Policy

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Impact Summary

Between January 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University's measurable contribution to SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation took the form of 25 peer-reviewed research publications, produced across 3 colleges. No non-research actions were recorded against this goal in the same period, which marks a clear opportunity for engagement, education and campus-operations activity in the next cycle.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

SDG 7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 7 through renewable energy research, industry agreements and student-led work on sustainable mobility. A Memorandum of Understanding with AFAQ Energy establishes a pilot solar research station and joint training programs, while the University's Shell Eco-marathon team competed with a prototype battery electric vehicle and faculty research examined the growth of the Kingdom's renewable energy sector under Vision 2030.

3
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

3
research & innovation actions

Contributing Departments: College of Business, College of Engineering

Key Partnerships:

AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy), Shell, ROSHN

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 82 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 7.
- These have attracted 413 citations to date, with 53 appearing in Q1 journals and 62 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Science and General Studies (40), College of Engineering (34), College of Medicine (4), College of Business (3), College of Law and International Relations (1)

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to Advance Renewable Energy Research and Sustainability in Saudi Arabia

Date: September 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



September 16, 2025: Alfaisal University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to strengthen collaboration in renewable energy, scientific research, and sustainability initiatives. This strategic partnership reflects Alfaisal University's commitment to driving innovation and supporting Saudi Vision 2030 by promoting clean energy solutions and sustainable development.



ESaudi Vision 2030 Drives Economic Diversification, Highlights at Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026

Date: December 22, 2025

Department: College of Business



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – December 15, 2025 : Dr. Adnan Abo Alhaija ,Associate Professor of Finance at Alfaisal University , presented key findings on the measurable impact of Vision 2030 during Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026 , emphasizing the Kingdom's transition toward a more diversified and sustainable economy.

A Remarkable Debut for Alfaisal University at Shell Eco-marathon Qatar 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Qatar, January 21–25, 2026 — Alfaisal University's Shell Eco-marathon team proudly marked a major milestone with its first-ever participation in the Shell Eco-marathon Qatar, held at the iconic Lusail International Circuit. Representing the University, Alfaisal's Prototype Battery Electric Vehicle (Code 338) competed on the international stage, showcasing student-led innovation

Global, regional, and national burden of household air pollution, 1990–2021: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 97

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105001717653

Design for cost-effective high-performance electrocatalysts in seawater electrolysis to produce hydrogen

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Journal of Energy Chemistry — Review, Q1

Citations: 29

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85210354511

Recent Developments and Prospects on Functional Graphene-Based Nanocomposites as Potential Sulfur Hosts for Next-Generation Lithium-Sulfur Batteries

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Energy and Environmental Materials — Review, Q1

Citations: 29

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105004695612

Probing high-efficiency Cs0.05(FA0.77MA0.23)0.95Pb(I0.77Br0.23)3-based perovskite solar cells through first principles computations and SCAPS-1D simulation

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: RSC Advances — Article, Q1

Citations: 28

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages publications/105000034760







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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainability Climate Action Policy

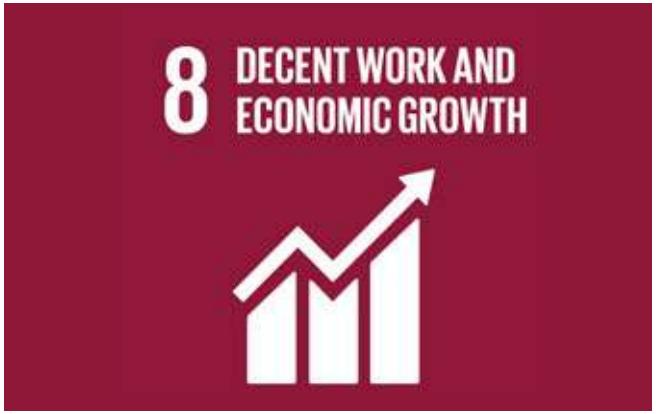
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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 3 actions contributing to SDG 7, spanning 3 research & innovation initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 8: v Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 8 by strengthening decent work and economic growth in Saudi Arabia through graduate employability initiatives such as its annual Career Fair, entrepreneurship and incubation programs delivered by Dimensions Startup Studio and SparkTank, and industry partnerships spanning finance, gaming and esports, aviation and artificial intelligence. The University further supports workplace wellbeing, corporate governance and national competitiveness in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030

36	5	17	8	6
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026	engagement actions	research & innovation actions	education actions	health & well-being actions

Contributing Departments: Alfaisal University, Alfaisal Wellbeing Office, College of Business, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy, College of Engineering, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing (Industrial Engineering), College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, Dimensions (Innovation & Entrepreneurship), Office of Research & Innovation, Student Affairs, University-wide

Key Partnerships: Boeing, Tencent, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA), NEOM, IRCAD, SNB Capital, National Competitiveness Center, Ministry of Health, Council of Health Insurance (CHI), Saudi Federation for eSports, Gen.G, King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM), stc, Saudi Council of Engineers

Engagement

Alfaisal Competitiveness Center Hosts Workshop for National Competitiveness Center Staff

Publication Year: January 9, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



9th January 2025: The Alfaisal Competitiveness Center (ACC) under the Alfaisal Center for Research and Consultancy Studies, conducted an informative workshop for three representatives from the National Competitiveness Center (NCC). This session focused on enhancing participants' understanding of vital resources available at Alfaisal University, including access to the Saudi Digital Library (SDL)...

Lammat Khair" Event to Support Productive Families and Promote Social Solidarity

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: Student Affairs



The Community Service Committee at Alfaisal University is organizing the event "Lammat Khair", which will run for three days. The event aims to promote social solidarity and support small businesses owned by productive families.

A Legacy of Service: Alfaisal University Honors HRH Princess Moudi and HH Princess Nouf

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy



On Volunteer Day, Alfaisal University celebrated the remarkable contributions of HRH Princess Moudi bint Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HH Princess Nouf bint Abdulrahman bin Nasser Al Saud , two visionary leaders whose lifelong dedication to humanitarian work continues to uplift communities across the Kingdom. Their tireless commitment, compassionate leadership, and service-oriented approac

Pharmacy Deans Convene to Strengthen Academic Collaboration and Workforce Alignment Across the Kingdom

Date: February 3, 2026

Department: College of Pharmacy.



Aligned with national efforts to enhance collaboration among Colleges of Pharmacy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Deans of Colleges of Pharmacy was hosted by the Alfaisal College of Pharmacy . Held on Thursday, January 29 , at Voco Hotel, Riyadh , the biannual meeting brought together academic leaders from pharmacy colleges across the Kingdom to discuss key

Dimensions Participates in the 8th Annual Engineering Design Expo

Date: June 2, 2026

Department: Dimensions (Innovation & Entrepreneurship)



Dimensions hosted an interactive booth at the 8th Engineering Design Expo showcasing student-led innovation and entrepreneurship projects and promoting its centers and programs to strengthen academia-industry connections.

Education

Alfaisal University 13th Annual Career Fair

Date: January 14, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



January 14 – 16, 2025: Under the patronage of HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Alfaisal University, the Alumni and Placement Department successfully concluded its annual event. His Excellency Dr.

Alfaisal University Signs an MOU with the Saudi National Bank Capital (SNB Capital)

Date: February 6, 2025

Department: College of Business



On February 6th, Alfaisal University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a delegation from Saudi National Bank Capital, marking a significant milestone in advancing finance education and practical training for students. This partnership underscores Alhali Capital's commitment to funding data provision for Alfaisal University, a pivotal step toward the creation of a cutting-edge

Alfaisal University Wins Health Workforce Development Excellence Award at CHI Excellence Awards 2024

Date: May 4, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University was honoured with the Health Workforce Development Excellence Award at the third edition of the Council of Health Insurance (CHI) Excellence Awards 2024 held on the 27th of April. The award was presented by H.E.

Alfaisal University Hosts the Gaming and Innovation Conference 2025

Date: May 8, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Alfaisal Gaming and Innovation Conference (AGI) from April 30 – May 1, 2025, under the esteemed patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Sultan, President of the Saudi Federation for eSports and the Arab Federation for eSports. This groundbreaking event brought together a distinguished lineup of local and international experts.

Annual Engineering Design Expo and 7th Boeing Competition

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University's 7th Annual Engineering Design Expo and the Boeing Competition was held on Sunday, April 27th showcasing the exceptional talent and innovative spirit of engineering students. The event brought together over 300 students who presented a total of 121 projects across six main engineering disciplines: Architectural, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Software, and Applied AI.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Family Business in KSA, the Role of NCFB

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Business



Guest lecture by Dr. Ayth Almubarak, CEO of the National Center for Family Businesses, delivered to College of Business students on the governance, succession, and professional-management practices needed for the long-term sustainability of family enterprises, which make up roughly 95% of firms in the Kingdom.

Alfaisal University Hosts Saudi Engineering Council Delegation for Guest Talk

Date: February 25 202

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing (Industrial Engineering)



The Industrial Engineering Department hosted a Saudi Engineering Council delegation for sessions on professional registration, licensing, continuing professional development and career pathways for IE students.

HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Inaugurates "SAVVY" Esports Academy in Alfaisal University

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: University - Wide



HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal inaugurated the SAVVY Esports Academy, a nine-month program offering hands-on game design and development training to build national talent for the gaming and esports industry in line with Vision 2030.

Research & Innovation:

Dr. Lara Samhan's Achievement in Being Amongst Top 6 Entrepreneurs in Jeddah Region in a Competition Involving More Than 50 Entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia at the Global Student Entrepreneur Award (GSEA)

Date: January 12, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University has a strong commitment to fostering community engagement and advancement across all its initiatives. At the vanguard of innovation and design thinking within the university, Dimensions Startup Studio stands as a central hub where creativity flourishes.

Dimensions Startup Studio Honors Innovathon 2024 Winners

Date: February 26, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Dimensions Startup Studios at Alfaisal University reaffirmed dedication to innovation and entrepreneurship through the annual INNOVATHON initiative, a competition challenging participants to develop groundbreaking solutions for humanity. Winners earned a year-long placement in the SparkTank Incubation Program, transforming ideas into impactful startups.

Alfaisal University Scholar Wins Prestigious Best Paper Award at AFS 2025 Conference

Date: September 8, 2025

Department: College of Business


AFS 2025 Conference

Best AFS Paper Award

PROPAGATION OF ESG-LINKED COMPENSATION THROUGH BOARDROOM CONNECTIONS

Izidin El Kalak, Alfaisal University
Oksana Pryshchepa, University of Liverpool
Cong Wang, Cardiff University
Qingwei Wang, Cardiff University

University of Valencia
Spain, 17-19 July 2025
on behalf of
AFS

Alfaisal University Scholar Wins Prestigious Best Paper Award at AFS 2025 Conference AwardsCollege of BusinessStudents September 8, 2025 Updated: September 8, 2025 Alfaisal University is proud to announce that College of Business Associate Professor of Finance Dr. Izidin El Kalak, has been awarded the Best Paper Award at the AFS 2025 Conference held at the University of Valencia, Spain, from 17–19 July 2025.

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: October 12, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD . The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education

Tencent's Game Development Pilot Training Program at Alfaisal University

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College ofEngineering



Alfaisal University , in partnership with Tencent , hosted the Game Development Training Workshop , organized by the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing's Game Innovation Center, a three-day series designed to equip students with practical skills in game design, artificial intelligence (AI), and user-generated content creation through expert-led sessions and hands-on learning

Alfaisal University Successfully Concludes SpaceLead Conference

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the SpaceLead'25 Conference, held under the generous patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. This first-of-its-kind conference in the Kingdom marks a defining step toward advancing scientific dialogue, innovation, and leadership in space science and technology.

Dimensions Startup Studio Showcases Innovation and Entrepreneurial Vision at SpaceLead'25

Date: December 4, 2025

Department: College ofEngineering



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – The SpaceLead'25 conference, organized by Alfaisal University, brought together global experts to discuss the future of health and advanced engineering in space. As part of the interactive exhibition, Dimensions Startup Studio engaged visitors by showcasing the studio and its entrepreneurial vision—highlighting its essential role in advancing the sector.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Empowering Future Leaders

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 2, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Fernando Vallina, Chairman, CEO & President for ExxonMobil Saudi Arabia Inc, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Empowering Future Leaders" was presented to the audience and College of Business students

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 3, 2025: College of Business invited Dr. Saleh Alansari, the CEO of Alansari Consulting in Bahrain, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Saudi Vision 2030 Drives Economic Diversification, Highlights at Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026

Date: December 22, 2025

Department: College of Business



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – December 15, 2025 : Dr. Adnan Abo Alhaija , Associate Professor of Finance at Alfaisal University , presented key findings on the measurable impact of Vision 2030 during Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026 , emphasizing the Kingdom's transition toward a more diversified and sustainable economy.

Alfaisal University Concludes the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025 Under the Theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet

Date: January 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025, held on December 17 and 18, under the theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet." The conference brought together academics, policymakers, and industry professionals for two days of structured dialogue and research exchange on the evolving role of corporate governance in supporting economic performance, social responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with SDAIA to Strengthen Academic Programs and AI Capacity Building at ICAN 2026

Date: January 29, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, 28th of January 2026: Alfaisal University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA) on the sidelines of the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), held in King Saud University, Riyadh.

The agreement aims to develop academic programs aligned with labor market needs in data and artificial intelligence, in addition to designing and delivering training programs, educational initiatives, and specialized bootcamps that support human capability development through joint efforts between the two institutions.

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, January 28 – 29, 2026: Alfaisal University participated in the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), a leading global platform dedicated to advancing data, artificial intelligence, and human capability development. The conference brought together policymakers, academic institutions, and industry leaders to explore strategies for building future-ready skills and strengthening national AI ecosystems, with a focus on the role of education and a wide participation of national universities.

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date: February 12, 2026

Department: College of Business



February 9, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Samit Nag, Director of World Bank Group HR & Ms. Mabel Emmanie-Algis Udoh, Manager of Talent Attraction, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

A Milestone for Innovation and Experiential Learning: Alfaisal Students Secure Top Honors at La Fabrique International Game Jam and KSAU Hackathon

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Alfaisal student teams took 1st, 2nd and 4th place at the La Fabrique International Game Jam in Riyadh, building original game prototypes in 72 hours, and a separate team reached the top 10% of 1,900 international projects at the KSAU Hackathon.

Alfaisal Students Achieve Top Placements in Cultural and Tourism Innovation Challenge

Date: February 25, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Alfaisal students joined interdisciplinary, multi-university teams in a one-day challenge to develop creative solutions for the cultural and tourism sector, securing first, second and third place finishes.

Engineering Design Expo & 8th Boeing Competition

Date: June 04, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



FThe College of Engineering organized the Boeing-sponsored Engineering Design Expo with roughly 350 students presenting 147 projects across engineering and computing disciplines, including an MOU signing with Jadwaleen International Group.

- Alfaisal University published 85 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 8.
- These have attracted 360 citations to date, with 55 appearing in Q1 journals and 67 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Business (69), College of Engineering (9), College of Medicine (5), College of Science and General Studies (2)

The nexus of managerial and technical AI knowledge, disruptive innovation and the circular economy: The role of organizational change capability and financial resilience

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Lancet — Technology in Society — Article, Q1

Citations: 2

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105004412038

Leadership and sustainability in tourism and hospitality: a systematic review and future research agenda

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Lancet — International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management — Review, Q1

Citations: 37

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105003175247

Do generative artificial intelligence related competencies, attitudes and experiences affect employee outcomes? An intellectual capital perspective

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Journal of Intellectual Capital — Article, Q1

Citations: 19

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105001858905

How Green Credit Policies and Climate Change Practices Drive Banking Financial Performance

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Business Strategy and Development — Article, Q1

Citations: 18

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105000458935

Human resource management in times of crisis: Strategies for a post COVID-19 workplace

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Organizational Dynamics — Article, Q1

Citations: 17

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pagespublications/85193973390

Health & Well-being:

Alfaisal University Teams Excel at the Global Health Exhibition 2025

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly recognizes the achievements of its students at the Global Health Exhibition (GHE) 2025 , held under the patronage of the Ministry of Health. This year, five Alfaisal student teams participated in the Live Well Youth Competition , with projects advised and mentored by various faculties at Alfaisal.

Alfaisal University Elevates Lifestyle Medicine Innovation in Hail

Date: December 3, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly served as an official academic partner in the Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad Lifestyle Medicine Hackathon 2025, held in Hail as part of the Hail International Lifestyle Medicine Conference. The event took place under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad bin Abdulaziz, Governor of the Hail Region, and was attended by His Excellency the Minister of Health along with senior officials from the Ministry of Health. Organized by the Ministry of Health – Hail Branch, the national innovation gathering attracted more than 400 participants from across Saudi Arabia.

Shaping a Healthy Saudi 2040: Alfaisal University Hosts the 13th Annual HPP Exhibition

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On December 4, 2025, Alfaisal University's College of Medicine

hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition, an academic initiative reflecting the university's ongoing commitment to community health education and future-oriented medical training. This year's theme, Back to the Future – A Healthy Saudi 2040, encouraged first-year medical students to examine current and emerging health challenges through scientifically grounded and creatively developed educational booths.

13th Annual Health Promotion Project Exhibition: Back to the Future - A Healthier Saudi 2040

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University (AU-DFCM) proudly hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition at the College of Medicine, reaffirming its commitment to experiential learning, community engagement, and future-oriented medical education.

Alfaisal University Honors Student Excellence at the 13th Health Promotion Project Award Ceremony

Date: January 20, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The 13th Health Promotion Project (HPP) Award Ceremony celebrated student innovation, achievement, and excellence in public health. Outstanding teams were recognized across three categories following evaluation by a panel of healthcare and public health experts, highlighting the College of Medicine's commitment to experiential learning and leadership in health promotion.

Alfaisal University Hosts Wellbeing at Work Summit 2026=

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: Alfaisal Wellbeing Office



A full-day summit organized by the Alfaisal Wellbeing Office featuring talks and workshops on workplace wellbeing, resilience, burnout prevention, leadership and work-life balance for faculty, staff and students

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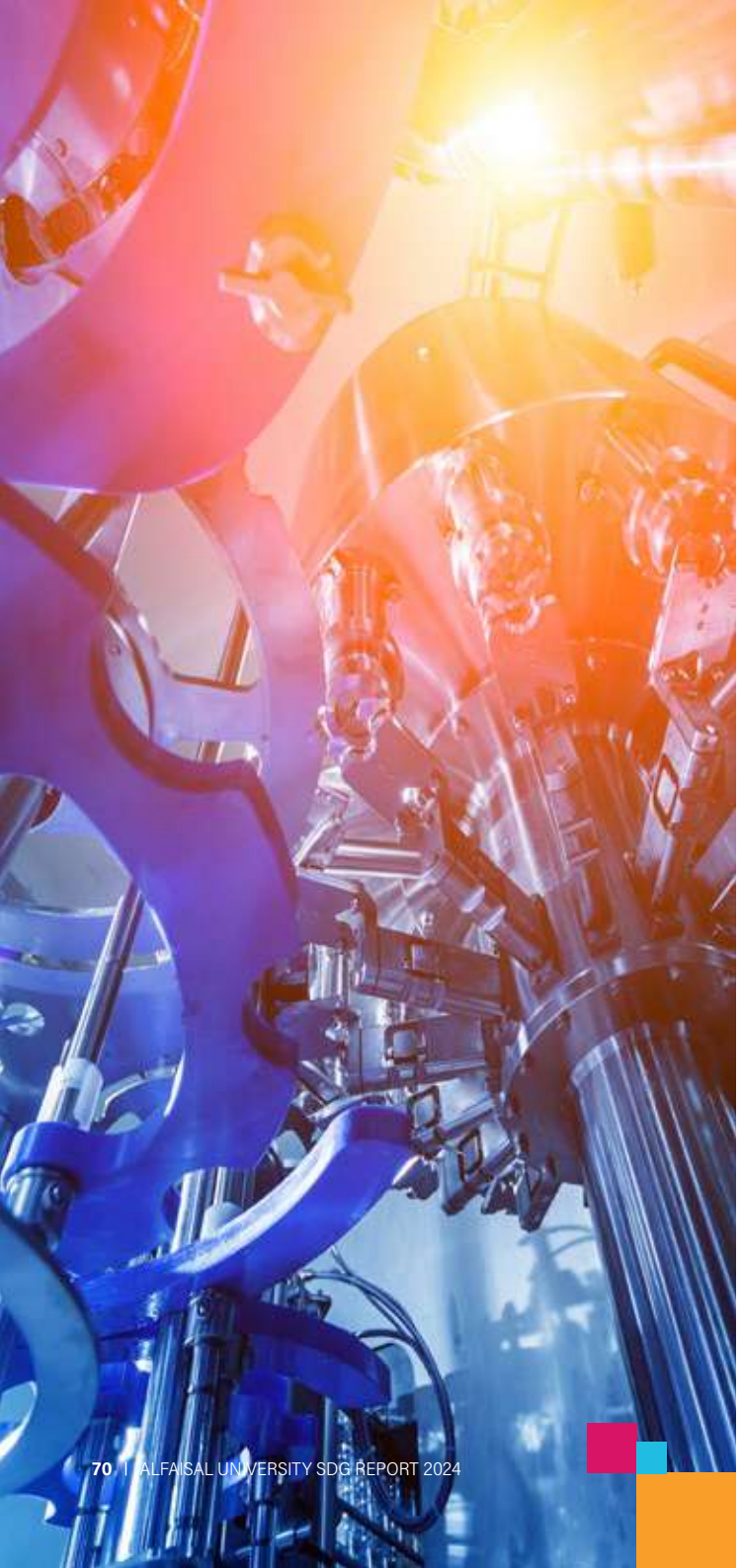
Related policy: Sustainability Climate Action Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 36 actions contributing to SDG 8, spanning 5 engagement, 17 research & innovation, 8 education, 6 health & well-being initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 9: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 9 by expanding research, innovation and industrial partnership in Saudi Arabia, with work spanning artificial intelligence, health technologies, space science, renewable energy, and the gaming and esports sector. The University supports patented inventions and internationally recognized faculty research, startup incubation through Dimensions and SparkTank, student hackathons and engineering design competitions, and memoranda of understanding with national authorities, hospitals and global technology partners.

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actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026	engagement actions	research & innovation actions	education actions	health & well-being actions

Contributing Departments: AI Research Center (AIC) / Culinary Innovation Lab (CIL), Alumni, College of Business, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy, College of Engineering, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing, College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Science & General Studies, Dimensions (Innovation & Entrepreneurship), Office of Research & Innovation, University-wide

Key Partnerships: Boeing, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC), Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA), NEOM, Hevolution Foundation, Prince Sultan University, ROSHN, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Tencent, Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology, Tokyo University of Technology, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief)

Engagement:

Alfaisal Competitiveness Center Hosts Workshop for National Competitiveness Center Staff

Date: January 9, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



9th January 2025: The Alfaisal Competitiveness Center (ACC) under the Alfaisal Center for Research and Consultancy Studies, conducted an informative workshop for three representatives from the National Competitiveness Center (NCC). This session focused on enhancing participants' understanding of vital resources available at Alfaisal University, including access to the Saudi Digital Library (SDL) and strategic intelligence from the World Economic Forum (WEF).

Students from the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, Lenah Almunajem and Nawaf Al-Bati, Achieve Gold Medal in the Kingdom's Archery Championship

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, October 11, 2025: Nawaf Al-Bati (Industrial Engineering major) and Lenah Almunajem (Software Engineering major), students from the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, achieved first place in the red bow category of the Olympic recurve bow under 21 years old at the Kingdom's Archery Championship.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Introduction to Private Equity

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 7, 2025: College of Business invited Mr. John Bowman, the Chief Executive Officer of Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association, CAIA, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Introduction to Private Equity" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

A Legacy of Service: Alfaisal University Honors HRH Princess Moudi and HH Princess Nouf

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy



On Volunteer Day, Alfaisal University celebrated the remarkable contributions of HRH Princess Moudi bint Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HH Princess Nouf bint Abdulrahman bin Nasser Al Saud, two visionary leaders whose lifelong dedication to humanitarian work continues to uplift communities across the Kingdom.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 10, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Usman Mahmood, the Senior Director, Financial Risk at Tawuniya Insurance, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Alfaisal University Conducts Educational Field Trips

Date: January 12, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University organized a series of educational field trips for medical students in collaboration with Second Health Cluster and the Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA) as part of its experiential learning activities.

Pharmacy Deans Convene to Strengthen Academic Collaboration and Workforce Alignment Across the Kingdom

Date: February 3, 2026

Department: College of Pharmacy



Aligned with national efforts to enhance collaboration among Colleges of Pharmacy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Deans of Colleges of Pharmacy was hosted by the Alfaisal College of Pharmacy.

Dimensions Participates in the 8th Annual Engineering Design Expo

Date: January 02, 2026

Department: Dimensions (Innovation & Entrepreneurship)



Dimensions hosted an interactive booth at the 8th Engineering Design Expo showcasing student-led innovation and entrepreneurship projects and promoting its centers and programs to strengthen academia-industry connections.

Education:

Alfaisal University Hosts the Largest Global Game Jam Site in Saudi Arabia for 2025

Date: January 27, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



This past weekend, Alfaisal University proudly hosted the 2025 Global Game Jam for the fourth consecutive year in Riyadh, creating an incredible platform for creativity, innovation, and collaboration in the gaming and game development sector. Over 48 hours, participants worked tirelessly to craft games that not only entertained but also showcased the vibrant potential of local talent and global collaboration.

The Role of Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Building the Future by Eng. Ahmed bin Mohammed Alsuwaiyan

Date: February 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The College of Engineering and Advanced Computing at Alfaisal University recently hosted His Excellency Eng. Ahmed bin Mohammed Alsuwaiyan, Governor of the Digital Government Authority, for an inspiring lecture on the role of technology and artificial intelligence in building the future.

Alfaisal University Hosts the Gaming and Innovation Conference 2025

Date: May 8, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Alfaisal Gaming and Innovation Conference (AGI) from April 30 – May 1, 2025, under the esteemed patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Sultan, President of the Saudi Federation for eSports and the Arab Federation for eSports.

Annual Engineering Design Expo and 7th Boeing Competition

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University's 7th Annual Engineering Design Expo and the Boeing Competition was held on Sunday, April 27th showcasing the exceptional talent and innovative spirit of engineering students. The event brought together over 300 students who presented a total of 121 projects across six main engineering disciplines: Architectural, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Software, and Applied AI.

Engineering Students Visit the Saudi Arabian Military Industries Aerospace Composites

Date: June 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



As part of the University's commitment to experiential learning and industry engagement, the Alumni and Placement Relations Department, in collaboration with the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, organized an educational site visit to Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI) Aerospace Composites for engineering students.

Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts at the Diriyah Art Futures

Date: September 24, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal's AI Center arranged a group visit for students and faculty affiliates to the Diriya Art Futures exhibition, "Art Must Be Artificial: Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts," curated by Jerome Neutres and featuring the work of over 30 artists from around the world. The exhibit maps the evolution of computer art from its origins in the 1960s to today's cutting-edge digital practices.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Cybersecurity Reinvented: From Firewalls to the Cloud & Beyond" by Mr. Weam Munshi

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



February 4, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Weam Munshi, the Head of Information Security at Tabby, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Cybersecurity Reinvented: From Firewalls to the Cloud & Beyond " was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Inaugurates "SAVVY" Esports Academy in Alfaisal University

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: University-Wide



HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal inaugurated the SAVVY Esports Academy, a nine-month program offering hands-on game design and development training to build national talent for the gaming and esports industry in line with Vision 2030.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 202 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 9.
- These have attracted 1,491 citations to date, with 127 appearing in Q1 journals and 144 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Engineering (100), College of Medicine (35), College of Science and General Studies (33), College of Business (29), College of Pharmacy (4), College of Law and International Relations (1)

Alfaisal's MSc of Health Economics Student Afaf Abdullah Alshehri receives "Innovative Applications to Enhance Efficiency and Sustainability" Award

Date: January 7, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



It is with great pride that we share the remarkable achievement of our graduate student Afaf Abdullah Alshehri; MSc of Health Economics, for the award received on "Innovative Applications to Enhance Efficiency and Sustainability" as a team leader on the project entitled "Smart Efficiency" and organized by "Government Expenditure & Projects Efficiency Authority".

Advancing Innovation: College of Engineering and Advanced Computing Hosts Seminar by Dr. Chen on Medical Device Safety and Graduate Opportunity

Date: January 8, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The College of Engineering and Advanced Computing organized a research seminar on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, delivered by Dr. Chen. The seminar was titled: " Recent Research, Certification, and Solutions for MRI Safety of Medical Implants & Graduate Studies at the University of Houston."

Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology visits Alfaisal University

Date: January 13, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



Alfaisal University recently hosted researchers from the Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology (IPHT) at our campus in Riyadh to further strengthen our long-standing partnership. The visit, following a research exchange in Jena, Germany last summer, focused on discussions, lab tours, and updates on joint projects.

Three Innovations from Alfaisal University Selected by the Ministry of Education for the Geneva Innovation Conference 2024

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: Office of Research & Innovation

The academic community at Alfaisal University is excited to announce that three distinguished faculty members—Dr. Farid Amalou, Dr. Ibrahim M. Salman, and Dr. Nidal Nasser—have been chosen to represent the Kingdom at the upcoming Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions 2025. This prestigious event is set to take place from April 9 to 13, 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Alfaisal University Team Reaches Final Round of SDAIA's Smart U Competition

Date: February 18, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University is proud to announce that a team of Software Engineering students successfully qualified for the final round of SDAIA's Smart U competition, a segment of the global Imagine Cup project.

Dimensions Startup Studio Honors Innovathon 2024 Winners

Date: February 26, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Dimensions Startup Studios at Alfaisal University reaffirmed dedication to innovation and entrepreneurship through the annual INNOVATHON initiative, a competition challenging participants to develop groundbreaking solutions for humanity. Winners earned a year-long placement in the SparkTank Incubation Program, transforming ideas into impactful startups.

Alfaisal University Holds Research Symposium on Health Policy and Economics Development in Saudi Arabia

Date: February 27, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University organized a research symposium titled "Developing Health Policies and Economics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The symposium aimed to discuss the latest developments in health policies and related economics, while shedding light on the challenges and opportunities facing the healthcare sector in the Kingdom.

The King Salman Relief Hackathon: AI in Humanitarian Relief

Date: March 2, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The King Salman Relief Hackathon: AI in Humanitarian Relief for Healthcare concluded successfully on February 25th, showcasing the power of AI-driven solutions in crisis response. Held as part of the 4th Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum, this initiative was a collaborative effort between Alfaisal University, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) and the United Nations, bringing together innovators and problem-solvers to explore the transformative potential of AI

Alfaisal University Wins Three International Medals at the 50th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions

Date: APril 202, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2025 — Alfaisal University has achieved international recognition by winning three medals at the 50th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions. This prestigious event, renowned for showcasing cutting-edge innovations from around the world, honored the university's faculty members for their outstanding research contributions.

Alfaisal Medical Students Win 3rd Place at WiDS Riyadh for AI-Powered Health Innovation

Date: April 24, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Humaira Shahnawaz Khan Khalidi and Samer Hajjaj Saleh Ali Al Hajjaj, first-year medical students at Alfaisal University, secured 3rd place (10,000 SAR) at the Innovate for Impact Creative Sparks Challenge, held during the 8th International Conference – Women in Data Science (WiDS) Riyadh at Prince Sultan University, April 13–14, 2025.

Alfaisal University Hosts Proteomics KOLs Roundtable Meeting

Date: May 5, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University was honoured to host the Proteomics Key Opinion Leaders' (KOLs) Roundtable meeting on the 5th of May, organized by Olink-Sama Masa/Gulf Scientific Corp. This important event brought together over 30 key attendees from the proteomics landscape, including representatives from Olink, Sama Masa, and researchers from notable institutions such as KFSHRC Riyadh, KFSHRC Jeddah, KSU, Hevolution Foundation, KAIMRC, and KFMC.

Alfaisal University and Hevolution Foundation Discuss Longevity and Health Research

Date: May 6, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

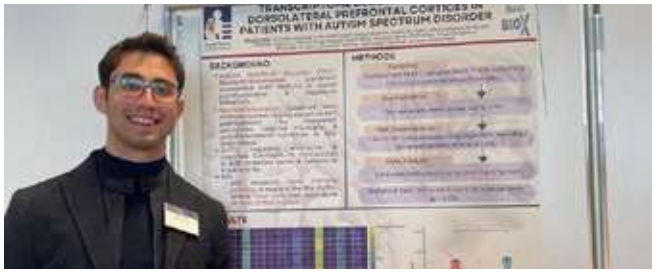


Alfaisal University had the privilege of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the Hevolution Foundation in a visit that sets the stage for transformative collaboration in longevity research and innovative healthcare initiatives. The visit, held May 6th 2025, marked a major step toward establishing a strategic, long-term partnership between the two forward-thinking institutions.

Alfaisal Medical Student Represents Arab Region at Global Immunology Conference in Belgium

Date: May 7, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University fifth-year medical student and emerging researcher Ghaith Adi participated in the prestigious Immune Niches in Cancer and Inflammation 2025 (INCI25) conference, held from May 7–9, 2025, in Bruges, Belgium. Organized by the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB), a global leader in life sciences research, the conference convened international experts to discuss recent breakthroughs in immunology, cancer biology, and inflammatory disease mechanisms.

Winners of Faculty Awards for Research Excellence 2025

Date: May 12, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – May 12, 2025 — Alfaisal University proudly celebrated the outstanding achievements of its faculty during the annual Faculty Awards for Research Excellence ceremony, held on May 12, 2025. The awards are presented to recognize, encourage, and reward faculty members whose research and creative endeavors have gained significant recognition locally, regionally, and nationally.

Alfaisal University Student Wins First Place in MENA SCOPE & Heart Failure Conference 2024

Date: May 29, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University fourth-year medical student and BioX researcher Kenan Alaa Badran has been awarded first place for his abstract presentation at the MENA SCOPE & Heart Failure Conference 2024. This recognition was awarded by the awarded by the Saudi Cardiac Clinical Pharmacists (SCCP) and Saudi Heart Failure groups at the conference held from December 27–28, 2024.

Alfaisal University and Medident Japan Sign a Partnership Agreement

Date: September 11, 2025

Department: College of Medicne



RIYADH — Alfaisal University has partnered with Japan's Medident in a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at creating a new model for equitable, technology-driven healthcare innovation. The collaboration, which aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, was formalized at a signing ceremony at the Saudi Arabia Pavilion at the Osaka-Kansai Expo..

Alfaisal University Alumna Aljohara Al Babtain's NanoPalm Wins KPMG Global Tech Innovator Award

Date: September 15, 2025

Department: Alumni



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — Alfaisal University celebrates the success of its alumna, Aljohara Al Babtain, a key member of the NanoPalm Technology team that won the KPMG Global Tech Innovator competition in Saudi Arabia. As a Deep Nanotech Senior Researcher at NanoPalm, Ms. Al Babtain contributed to the team's victory, which earned them a spot at the global finals in Lisbon.

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to Advance Renewable Energy Research and Sustainability in Saudi Arabia

Date: September 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



September 16, 2025: Alfaisal University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to strengthen collaboration in renewable energy, scientific research, and sustainability initiatives. This strategic partnership reflects Alfaisal University's commitment to driving innovation and supporting Saudi Vision 2030 by promoting clean energy solutions and sustainable development.

Fourteen Alfaisal University Faculty Featured in Stanford's World's Top 2% Scientists List 2024

Date: October 6, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



In September 2025, Stanford University released the World's Top 2% Scientists List 2024, based on citation analysis from the Scopus database. The list, compiled by Professor John P. A. Ioannidis and his team, is issued annually in two categories:

Career Impact, which reflects long-term contributions to research.
Annual Impact, which highlights recent publications with significant influence.

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: October 12, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD . The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

Alfaisal University Researchers Patent "Organs-on-Chips" Innovation

Date: October 14, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Alfaisal University congratulates Dr. Qasem Ramadan, Assistant Professor of Research (Chemistry), and Dr. Mohammed Zourob, Professor of Chemistry, on winning a patent for their invention: "Structure & function of modular microfluidic device for in-vitro modelling of human organs."

Agentic AI Seminar

Date: October 20, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The AI Research Center at Alfaisal University hosted a seminar titled "A Practical Tour of Agentic AI Challenges and Opportunities," on October 15th as part of its ongoing AI Seminar Series, which brings together leading experts to discuss advances and societal impacts of artificial intelligence (AI). The seminar was presented by Dr. Mohamed Abusharkh, Associate Professor of Software Engineering at Ferris State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Achieves 1st Place at KSAPT 2025

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Pharmacy



October 30, 2025: Alfaisal University – College of Pharmacy proudly concluded its successful participation in the 6th International Conference on Pharmacy and Toxicology (KSAPT 2025) in Dammam and Riyadh, marking an inspiring milestone for the College on both academic and competitive fronts.

Tencent's Game Development Pilot Training Program at Alfaisal University

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University, in partnership with Tencent, hosted the Game Development Training Workshop, organized by the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing's Game Innovation Center, a three-day series designed to equip students with practical skills in game design, artificial intelligence (AI), and user-generated content creation through expert-led sessions and hands-on learning.

Alfaisal Medical Student Mokshit Sathish Participates at the Global Falling Walls Science Summit 2025 in Berlin

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



From November 6th to 9th, the Global Falling Walls Science Summit 2025 was hosted in Berlin – a gathering of some of the most promising minds in the international research community, among them distinguished Nobel Prize laureates and prominent international stakeholders in research and science.

Alfaisal University Celebrates Success at the Space Lead 25 Conference

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – November 2025

Alfaisal University proudly participated in the Space Lead 25 Conference, a groundbreaking national event dedicated to advancing the Kingdom's vision in space science, medicine, and innovation.

Alfaisal University Celebrates SpaceLead'25 Hackathon Winners

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, November 11th 2025: Alfaisal University successfully concluded the SpaceLead'25 Hackathon, part of the landmark SpaceLead'25 Conference focused on "The Future of Health & Advanced Engineering in Space." The hackathon challenged student teams to propose innovative solutions across three key themes: Engineering & Design, Business Strategy, and Space Medicine, in an exhibition-style format featuring posters and prototypes.

Alfaisal University Successfully Concludes SpaceLead Conference

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the SpaceLead'25 Conference, held under the generous patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. This first-of-its-kind conference in the Kingdom marks a defining step toward advancing scientific dialogue, innovation, and leadership in space science and technology.\

Dimensions Startup Studio Showcases Innovation and Entrepreneurial Vision at SpaceLead'25

Date: December 4, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



iyadh, Saudi Arabia – The SpaceLead'25 conference, organized by Alfaisal University, brought together global experts to discuss the future of health and advanced engineering in space. As part of the interactive exhibition, Dimensions Startup Studio engaged visitors by showcasing the studio and its entrepreneurial vision—highlighting its essential role in advancing the sector.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Empowering Future Leaders"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 2, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Fernando Vallina, Chairman, CEO & President for ExxonMobil Saudi Arabia Inc, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Empowering Future Leaders" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 3, 2025: College of Business invited Dr. Saleh Alansari, the CEO of Alansari Consulting in Bahrain, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Racing Ahead: Alfaisal Formula Team Makes Its Mark Down Under in Asutralia

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly announces the outstanding performance of its Alfaisal Formula Team at the Formula Student Competition in Australia. The team exhibited exceptional technical expertise and driving skills, making a strong mark on an international stage.

Saudi Vision 2030 Drives Economic Diversification, Highlights at Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026

Date: December 22, 2025

Department: Office of Business



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – December 15, 2025 : Dr. Adnan Abo Alhaija , Associate Professor of Finance at Alfaisal University , presented key findings on the measurable impact of Vision 2030 during Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026 , emphasizing the Kingdom's transition toward a more diversified and sustainable economy.

Alfaisal University Researchers Secure U.S. Patent for Cancer-Targeting Nanocomposite

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



December 18, 2025: Alfaisal University researchers Dr. Edreese H. Alsharaeh and student researcher Anoud Abdulrahman Alkhayal were recognized on December 18 for securing a United States patent (US 12,478,590 B2), officially issued on November 25, 2025

4th Year COM Student Raghda Adwan Represents Alfaisal University at the American Epilepsy Society (AES) Annual Meeting 2025

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Our Alfaisal's 4th year medical student Ms. Raghda Adwan attended and presented her research at the American Epilepsy Society (AES) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, USA which was held from December 5-9. The research presented was entitled: "Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy with Hippocampal Sclerosis in Association with Anti-Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase 65 Antibodies" a team work involving King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, National Guard Health Affairs, and Alfaisal University researchers.

Alfaisal University Concludes the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025 Under the Theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet"

Date: January 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025, held on December 17 and 18, under the theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet."

Alfaisal University Signs Strategic MoUs with Tokyo University of Technology and SpaceData to Advance Deep Tech and Space Innovation

Date: January 15, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, January 11th, 2026: Alfaisal University has announced the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Tokyo University of Technology (School of Design) and SpaceData to advance joint initiatives in deep tech and space innovation. The agreements were signed by HRH Princess Maha Mishari Alsaud, the University's VP for External Affairs and Advancement, in the presence of H.E. the Saudi Minister of Investment and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with SDAIA to Strengthen Academic Programs and AI Capacity Building at ICAN 2026

Date: January 29, 2026

Department: Office of Engineering



Riyadh, 28th of January 2026: Alfaisal University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA) on the sidelines of the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), held in King Saud University, Riyadh.

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, January 28 – 29, 2026: Alfaisal University participated in the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), a leading global platform dedicated to advancing data, artificial intelligence, and human capability development.

Remarkable Debut for Alfaisal University at Shell Eco-marathon Qatar 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Qatar, January 21–25, 2026 — Alfaisal University's Shell Eco-marathon team proudly marked a major milestone with its first-ever participation in the Shell Eco-marathon Qatar, held at the iconic Lusail International Circuit. Representing the University, Alfaisal's Prototype Battery Electric Vehicle (Code 338) competed on the international stage, showcasing student-led innovation, engineering excellence, and a strong commitment to sustainable mobility.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Digital Infrastructure" by Mr. Mohamad ElBakri

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



January 28, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Mohamad ElBakri, the Head of Real Estate & Infrastructure Advisor in JLL, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series.

The lecture titled "Digital Infrastructure" was presented to the audience and College of Business students. It took place on Wednesday, 28/01/2026, from 12:00 to 12:50 PM.

Introduction to Research Workshop Empowers College of Medicine Students

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



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January 24, January 31 & February 7, 2026: The Mentorship Program at the College of Medicine, Alfaisal University, successfully delivered the Introduction to Research Workshop across three consecutive Saturdays (January 24, January 31, and February 7, 2026). The workshop welcomed 25 medical students from Years 2–5.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group"

Date: February 12, 2026

Department: Office of Business



February 9, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Samit Nag, Director of World Bank Group HR & Ms. Mabel Emmanie-Algis Udoh, Manager of Talent Attraction, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

A Milestone for Innovation and Experiential Learning: Alfaisal Students Secure Top Honors at La Fabrique International Game Jam and KSAU Hackathon

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Alfaisal student teams took 1st, 2nd and 4th place at the La Fabrique International Game Jam in Riyadh, building original game prototypes in 72 hours, and a separate team reached the top 10% of 1,900 international projects at the KSAU Hackathon.

Software Engineering Students Showcase AI-enabled VR Training Systems at the World Defense Show (WDS 2026)

Date: February 16, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



A team of Software Engineering students presented a virtual reality (VR) training system at the World Defense Show (WDS 2026) in Riyadh on February 12th, demonstrating a pipeline that begins with AI-enabled scenario generation and culminates in immersive VR training experiences across air, land, and sea contexts. The World Defense Show (WDS) convenes stakeholders around technology development and integration across multiple defense domains.

Alfaisal Students Achieve Top Placements in Cultural and Tourism Innovation Challenge

Date: February 25, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Alfaisal students joined interdisciplinary, multi-university teams in a one-day challenge to develop creative solutions for the cultural and tourism sector, securing first, second and third place finishes.

Alfaisal's AI Research Center (AIC) and the Culinary Innovation Lab (CIL) Organize the "AI in Culinary Innovation" Hackathon

Date: May 13, 2026

Department: AI Research Center (AIC) / Culinary Innovation Lab (CIL)



A hackathon co-organized by the AI Research Center and Culinary Innovation Lab where teams built AI-driven tools for recipe innovation, kitchen operations, food-supply-chain optimization and more sustainable food practices using Saudi heritage ingredients

Alfaisal University College of Pharmacy Delegation Participate in the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) Annual Meeting

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: College of Pharmacy



May 28 – 31, 2026 Gdansk (Poland): The College of Pharmacy at Alfaisal University faculty and students participated in the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) Annual Meeting, held in Gdańsk, Poland, one of the world's leading conferences dedicated to hypertension and cardiovascular medicine.

Engineering Design Expo & 8th Boeing Competition

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



The College of Engineering organized the Boeing-sponsored Engineering Design Expo with roughly 350 students presenting 147 projects across engineering and computing disciplines, including an MOU signing with Jadwaleen International Group.

A novel CNN-ViT-based deep learning model for early skin cancer diagnosis

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Biomedical Signal Processing and Control — Article, Q1

Citations: 128

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85216220604

A robust deep learning framework for multiclass skin cancer classification

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Scientific Reports — Article, Q1

Citations: 127

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85218153421

An innovative deep learning framework for skin cancer detection employing ConvNeXtV2 and focal self-attention mechanisms

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Results in Engineering — Article, Q1

Citations: 104

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85212560792

Attention Enhanced InceptionNeXt-Based Hybrid Deep Learning Model for Lung Cancer Detection

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: IEEE Access — Article, Q1

Citations: 97

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85217672297

A systematic literature review to implement large language model in higher education: issues and solutions

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Discover Education — Review, Q2

Citations: 47

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219660112

Health & Well-being

Alfaisal University Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, October 2025: Alfaisal University signed a collaboration agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center during the Global Health Exhibition 2025, held from 27 – 30 October, to strengthen partnerships in medical and academic fields and promote the exchange of global expertise in healthcare. Through this agreement, both institutions aim to advance medical education, research, and innovation, contributing to the improvement of healthcare outcomes locally and internationally.

Alfaisal University Teams Excel at the Global Health Exhibition 2025

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly recognizes the achievements of its students at the Global Health Exhibition (GHE) 2025 , held under the patronage of the Ministry of Health. This year, five Alfaisal student teams participated in the Live Well Youth Competition , with projects advised and mentored by various faculties at Alfaisal.

Dr. Qasem Ramadan Leads Specialized Organ-on-a-Chip Workshop at MicroTAS 2025 in Adelaide, Showcasing Saudi Research Excellence and Conference Participation

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



Adelaide, Australia, November 2nd, 2025: Alfaisal University is pleased to announce that Dr. Qasem Ramadan, Research Assistant Professor of Chemistry, led a specialized workshop titled "Organs-on-a-Chip for Pharmacokinetics & Immune/Metabolic Disease Modelling: Engineering, Validation, & Applications" at the 29th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (MicroTAS 2025), held from 2–6 November in Adelaide, Australia.

Alfaisal University College of Medicine Hosts Type 2 Inflammation Preceptorship

Date: December 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Type 2 Inflammation Preceptorship , hosting Sanofi Company, was held on November 28th, 2025 at Alfaisal University . The event brought together leading experts in Allergy-Immunology, ENT, and Pulmonology for a collaborative day of scientific learning and clinical skill-building.

Alfaisal University Elevates Lifestyle Medicine Innovation in Hail

Date: December 3, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly served as an official academic partner in the Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad Lifestyle Medicine Hackathon 2025, held in Hail as part of the Hail International Lifestyle Medicine Conference. The event took place under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Saad bin Abdulaziz, Governor of the Hail Region, and was attended by His Excellency the Minister of Health along with senior officials from the Ministry of Health.

Global Recognition and Institutional Excellence: Alfaisal University Faculty Awards 2024–2025

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation



Stanford University's Annual 'World's Top 2% Scientists' List (2024)

This award category recognizes Alfaisal University faculty whose research excellence has earned international distinction through inclusion in Stanford University's Annual World's Top 2% Scientists list.

Shaping a Healthy Saudi 2040: Alfaisal University Hosts the 13th Annual HPP Exhibition

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On December 4, 2025, Alfaisal University's College of Medicine hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition, an academic initiative reflecting the university's ongoing commitment to community health education and future-oriented medical training.

13th Annual Health Promotion Project Exhibition: Back to the Future - A Healthier Saudi 2040

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University (AU-DFCM) proudly hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition at the College of Medicine, reaffirming its commitment to experiential learning, community engagement, and future-oriented medical education.

Alfaisal University Concludes First Phase of HPV Vaccination Campaign on Campus

Date: January 12, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the first phase of its HPV Vaccination Campaign, a health initiative aimed at raising awareness and expanding access to preventive care within the university community. The campaign was held on campus over several days and provided HPV vaccinations, educational materials, and on-site guidance to participants.

Alfaisal University Honors Student Excellence at the 13th Health Promotion Project Award Ceremony

Date: January 20, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



The 13th Health Promotion Project (HPP) Award Ceremony celebrated student innovation, achievement, and excellence in public health. Outstanding teams were recognized across three categories following evaluation by a panel of healthcare and public health experts, highlighting the College of Medicine's commitment to experiential learning and leadership in health promotion.

Inauguration Ceremony of the New Simulation Center of the College of Medicine

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University Inaugurates Advanced Simulation Center at the College of Medicine

On February 9, 2026, Alfaisal University inaugurated the new Simulation Center at the College of Medicine's Department of Clinical Skills, marking a significant milestone in advancing experiential medical education, clinical competency, and patient safety.

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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainable Development Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 76 actions contributing to SDG 9, spanning 49 research & innovation, 8 engagement, 8 education, 11 health & well-being initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Reduce inequality within and among countries

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 10 by addressing inequality through cultural inclusion, support for productive families, and global engagement on health equity. Initiatives include the Annual Culture Day, the "Lammat Khair" event supporting small businesses owned by productive families, and faculty representation at the Starfield Summit on primary health care and the social determinants of health, alongside a POEM curriculum track embedding the SDGs into medical education.

5
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

3
engagement actions

1
education actions

1
health & well-being action

Contributing Departments: Alfaisal University, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation, College of Medicine, Student Affairs

Key Partnerships: University of Toronto, World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), World Health Organization (WHO), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Health Systems Global, The George Institute for Global Health, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

Engagement

Annual Culture Day 2025

Date: January 21, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



January 21, 2025: Alfaisal University Medical Students Association (MSA) proudly held their much anticipated event of the year: The Annual Culture Day, celebrating the rich diversity of cultures within our community. Culture encompasses the shared knowledge, values, and experiences that shape human behavior, reflecting the unique traditions of every nation

"Lammat Khair" Event to Support Productive Families and Promote Social Solidarity

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: Student Affairs



The Community Service Committee at Alfaisal University is organizing the event "Lammat Khair", which will run for three days. The event aims to promote social solidarity and support small businesses owned by productive families.

Alfaisal Faculty Represents Saudi Arabia at Global Starfield Summit on Primary Health Care and Social Determinants of Health

Date: May 14, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Senior faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University, Dr. Baraa Alghalyini and Dr. Abdul Rehman Zia Zaidi, proudly represented Saudi Arabia at the Starfield Summit 2025, held at Hart House, University of Toronto from May 14–16, 2025

Education

COM366 Launches the Middle East's First POEM Curriculum Track Embedding the Sustainable Development Goals into Medical Education

Date: June 21, 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Alfaisal University launched the region's first POEM curriculum track integrating the SDGs into medical education, preparing future physicians to address health equity, sustainability, and global health challenges through innovative teaching approaches.

Health & Well-being

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Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & InnovationThis policy ensures disability inclusion through accommodations, accessible facilities, and equal participation in academic and campus life.



Stanford University's Annual 'World's Top 2% Scientists' List (2024)

This award category recognizes Alfaisal University faculty whose research excellence has earned international distinction through inclusion in Stanford University's Annual World's Top 2% Scientists list.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 90 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 10.
- These have attracted 2,249 citations to date, with 57 appearing in Q1 journals and 68 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Medicine (68), College of Engineering (11), College of Business (9), College of Law and International Relations (2)

Global, regional, and national prevalence of adult overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 355

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219538023

Global, regional, and national burden of epilepsy, 1990–2021: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet Public Health — Article, Q1

Citations: 213

Link: : https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219077855

Global, regional, and national burden of epilepsy, 1990–2021: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet Public Health — Article, Q1

Citations: 213

Link: : https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/8521907785



Global, regional, and national age-sex-specific burden of diarrhoeal diseases, their risk factors, and aetiologies, 1990–2021, for 204 countries and territories: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet Infectious Diseases — Article, Q1

Citations: 173

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85214328670

Global, regional, and national burden of household air pollution, 1990–2021: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 97

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105001717653





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University Policy

Related policy: Accessibility and Inclusion Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 5 actions contributing to SDG 10, spanning 3 engagement, 1 health & well-being, 1 education initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.



SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 11 by strengthening cultural institutions, urban health and digital infrastructure in Saudi Arabia. Activities include engagement with Diriyah Art Futures on new media art and artificial intelligence, visits from NEOM and IRCAD advancing medical simulation and healthcare innovation in Riyadh, and student projects on urban design and the environmental determinants of health. Students also competed in a cultural and tourism innovation challenge and supported pilgrims through the Hajj healthcare mission.

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actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026	engagement actions	research & innovation actions	education actions	health & well-being actions

Contributing Departments: College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing, College of Medicine

Key Partnerships: Diriyah Art Futures, NEOM, IRCAD, Guy & Myriam Ullens Foundation, JLL

Engagement

A Journey of Service and Compassion: Alfaisal Medical Students Conclude Hajj 1447 Mission

Date: June 8, 2026

Department: College of Meidicine



Alfaisal medical students participated in the Hajj 1447 healthcare mission, providing medical support to pilgrims while gaining hands-on clinical experience and contributing to community health and well-being.

Education

Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts at the Diriyah Art Futures

Date: September 24, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal's AI Center arranged a group visit for students and faculty affiliates to the Diriya Art Futures exhibition, "Art Must Be Artificial: Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts," curated by Jerome Neutres and featuring the work of over 30 artists from around the world. The exhibit maps the evolution of computer art from its origins in the 1960s to today's cutting-edge digital practices.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 27 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 11.
- These have attracted 69 citations to date, with 14 appearing in Q1 journals and 16 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Engineering (18), College of Business (4), College of Medicine (3), College of Science and General Studies (2)

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: October 12, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD . The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Digital Infrastructure" by Mr. Mohamad ElBakri

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



January 28, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Mohamad ElBakri, the Head of Real Estate & Infrastructure Advisor in JLL, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Digital Infrastructure "was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Alfaisal Students Achieve Top Placements in Cultural and Tourism Innovation Challenge

Date: February 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



Alfaisal students joined interdisciplinary, multi-university teams in a one-day challenge to develop creative solutions for the cultural and tourism sector, securing first, second and third place finishes

A comprehensive analysis of strategies for reducing GHG emissions in maritime ports

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Marine Policy — Article, Q1

Citations: 21

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85207636978

Attention-enhanced ConvNeXt for accurate, efficient, and interpretable crack detection

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Expert Systems with Applications — Article, Q1

Citations: 12

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105012212121

Wealth-based inequalities in tuberculosis prevalence among households having children and young adults in India: insights from Indian demographic and health surveys (2015–2021)

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: BMC Infectious Diseases — Article, Q1

Citations: 12

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85214101200

OS-RFODG: Open-source ROS2 framework for outdoor UAV dataset generation

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Results in Engineering — Article, Q1

Citations: 6

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105012937127

Investigating the long-term economic sustainability and water production costs of desalination plants: A case study from Chatt Hilal in Algeria

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Egyptian Journal of Aquatic Research — Article, Q1

Citations: 5

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85211213117

Health & Well-being

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Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainable Development Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 6 actions contributing to SDG 11, spanning 1 education, 3 research & innovation, 1 health & well-being, 1 engagement initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 12 by promoting responsible resource use in campus operations, industry education and applied research. The University launched a permanent e-waste collection and recycling initiative with national partners, organized student site visits to sustainable aerospace manufacturing, and hosted a hackathon developing artificial intelligence tools for food supply chain optimization and more sustainable culinary practice.

4 actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

1 operations action

2 research & innovation actions

1 education actions

Contributing Departments: AI Research Center (AIC) / Culinary Innovation Lab (CIL), Alfaisal University, College of Business, College of Engineering

Key Partnerships: National Center for Waste Management (MWAN), Ertiqa Association, Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI), University of Valencia, Cardiff University, University of Liverpool

Education

Engineering Students Visit the Saudi Arabian Military Industries Aerospace Composites

Date: June 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



As part of the University's commitment to experiential learning and industry engagement, the Alumni and Placement Relations Department, in collaboration with the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing, organized an educational site visit to Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI) Aerospace Composites for engineering students.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 75 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 12.
- These have attracted 521 citations to date, with 58 appearing in Q1 journals and 52 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Business (28), College of Engineering (23), College of Science and General Studies (17), College of Medicine (7)

Alfaisal University Scholar Wins Prestigious Best Paper Award at AFS 2025 Conference

Date: September 8, 2025

Department: College of Business


AFS 2025 Conference

Best AFS Paper Award

PROPAGATION OF ESG-LINKED COMPENSATION THROUGH BOARDROOM CONNECTIONS

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Oksana Pyshchepa, University of Liverpool
Cong Wang, Cardiff University
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University of Valencia
Spain, 17-19 July 2025
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Alfaisal University Scholar Wins Prestigious Best Paper Award at AFS 2025 Conference AwardsCollege of BusinessStudents September 8, 2025 Updated: September 8, 2025 Alfaisal University is proud to announce that College of Business Associate Professor of Finance Dr. Izidin El Kalak, has been awarded the Best Paper Award at the AFS 2025 Conference held at the University of Valencia, Spain, from 17–19 July 2025.

Alfaisal's AI Research Center (AIC) and the Culinary Innovation Lab (CIL) Organize the "AI in Culinary Innovation" Hackathon

Date: May 13, 2026

Department: AI Research Center (AIC) / Culinary Innovation Lab (CIL)



A hackathon co-organized by the AI Research Center and Culinary Innovation Lab where teams built AI-driven tools for recipe innovation, kitchen operations, food-supply-chain optimization and more sustainable food practices using Saudi heritage ingredients.

The nexus of managerial and technical AI knowledge, disruptive innovation and the circular economy: The role of organizational change capability and financial resilience

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Technology in Society — Article, Q1

Citations: 42

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105004412038

Leadership and sustainability in tourism and hospitality: a systematic review and future research agenda

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management — Review, Q1

Citations: 37

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105003175247

Design strategies for cost-effective high-performance electrocatalysts in seawater electrolysis to produce hydrogen

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Journal of Energy Chemistry — Review, Q1

Citations: 29

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85210354511

Recent Developments and Prospects on Functional Graphene-Based Nanocomposites as Potential Sulfur Hosts for Next-Generation Lithium-Sulfur Batteries

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Energy and Environmental Materials — Review, Q1

Citations: 29

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105004695612

Role of green, yellow, blue, white and gold hydrogen in fuelling the path to net zero and sustainable future- A review

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Energy Conversion and Management — Review, Q1

Citations: 27

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85215612466

Operations

Engineering Students Visit the Saudi Arabian Military Industries Aerospace Composites

Date: October 5, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Riyadh, October 5th, 2025: As part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility and environmental sustainability, Alfaisal University, through its Social Responsibility Department, has launched the E-Waste Initiative in collaboration with the National Center for Waste Management (MWAN) and Ertiqa Association. This initiative focuses on responsible electronic waste management and the promotion of sustainable practices within the university community.



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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainable Procurement Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 4 actions contributing to SDG 12, spanning 1 education, 2 research & innovation, 1 operations initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 13 through research partnerships and student innovation addressing climate resilience and clean energy. A Memorandum of Understanding with AFAQ Energy supports joint renewable energy research and a pilot clean electricity station, while medical students developed an award-winning artificial intelligence system for detecting dehydration and heat stress in large outdoor gatherings.

2
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

2
research & innovation actions

Contributing Departments: College of Engineering, College of Medicine

Key Partnerships: AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy), NEOM, Prince Sultan University, Cisco

Research & Innovation

Alfaisal Medical Students Win 3rd Place at WiDS Riyadh for AI-Powered Health Innovation

Date: April 24, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Humaira Shahnawaz Khan Khalidi and Samer Hajjaj Saleh Ali Al Hajjaj, first-year medical students at Alfaisal University, secured 3rd place (10,000 SAR) at the Innovate for Impact Creative Sparks Challenge, held during the 8th International Conference – Women in Data Science (WiDS) Riyadh at Prince Sultan University, April 13–14, 2025.



Alfaisal University Signs MoU with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to Advance Renewable Energy Research and Sustainability in Saudi Arabia

Date: September 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



September 16, 2025: Alfaisal University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to strengthen collaboration in renewable energy, scientific research, and sustainability initiatives. This strategic partnership reflects Alfaisal University's commitment to driving innovation and supporting Saudi Vision 2030 by promoting clean energy solutions and sustainable development.

Leadership and sustainability in tourism and hospitality: a systematic review and future research agenda

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management — Review, Q1

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Department: College of Science and General Studies

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Recent Developments and Prospects on Functional Graphene-Based Nanocomposites as Potential Sulfur Hosts for Next-Generation Lithium-Sulfur Batteries

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: Energy and Environmental Materials — Review, Q1

Citations: 29

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105004695612

lfaisal's nine-year commitment to clean mobility innovation

Probing high-efficiency Cs0.05(FA0.77MA0.23)0.95Pb(I0.77 Br0.23)3-based perovskite solar cells through first principles computations and SCAPS-1D simulation

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: RSC Advances — Article, Q1

Citations: 28

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105000034760

Role of green, yellow, blue, white and gold hydrogen in fuelling the path to net zero and sustainable future- A reviewPublication

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Journal: Energy Conversion and Management — Review, Q1

Citations: 27

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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainability Climate Action Policy

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 2 actions contributing to SDG 13, spanning 2 research & innovation initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Overview:

Alfaisal University's contribution to SDG 14 in this cycle is research-based and currently small in volume. Between January 2025 and 2026 the University produced 2 Scopus-indexed publications aligned with this goal, one from the College of Business on improving data quality in maritime transportation and one from the College of Science and General Studies on an efficient electrocatalyst for seawater electrolysis.

2
Scopus-indexed research publications aligned with this goal, published between January 2025 and 2026

18
citations received by this body of work to date

No non-research actions were recorded for this goal in the 2025–2026 action log

Contributing Colleges: College of Science and General Studies (1), College of Business (1)

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 2 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 14.
- These have attracted 18 citations to date, with 2 appearing in Q1 journals and 2 produced through international co-authorship.

Enhancing data quality in maritime transportation: A practical method for imputing missing ship static data

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Ocean Engineering — Article, Q1

Citations: 10

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85209348455

A highly efficient electrocatalyst for seawater electrolysis: Assembled with nitrogen-doped ferric phosphides nanospheres on carbon matrix

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Science and General Studies

Journal: International Journal of Hydrogen Energy — Article, Q1

Citations: 8

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85211985446



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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainability Climate Action Policy

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Impact Summary

Between January 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University's measurable contribution to SDG 14: Life Below Water took the form of 2 peer-reviewed research publications, produced across 2 colleges. No non-research actions were recorded against this goal in the same period, which marks a clear opportunity for engagement, education and campus-operations activity in the next cycle.





SDG 15: LIFE ON LAND

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Overview:

Alfaisal University contributes to SDG 15 principally through research. Between January 2025 and 2026 the University produced 7 Scopus-indexed publications aligned with this goal, drawn from the Colleges of Medicine, Engineering and Business. The work covers detection of antibiotic residues in the environment, biodiversity disclosure and biodiversity risk in supply chains, wildlife density estimation, soil and plant health, and the planetary health implications of resource extraction.

7
Scopus-indexed research publications aligned with this goal, published between January 2025 and 2026

41
citations received by this body of work to date

No non-research actions were recorded for this goal in the 2025–2026 action log

Contributing Colleges: College of Medicine (3), College of Business (2), College of Engineering (2)

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 7 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 15.
- These have attracted 48 citations to date, with 6 appearing in Q1 journals and 6 produced through international co-authorship.

Multiplex electrochemical aptasensor for the simultaneous detection of linomycin and neomycin antibiotics

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Talanta — Article, Q1

Citations: 21

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85205369944

Country-level drivers of biodiversity disclosures: international evidence and policy implications

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Business

Journal: Accounting Forum — Article, Q1

Citations: 16

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105003877562

OS-RFODG: Open-source ROS2 framework for outdoor UAV dataset generation

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Engineering

Journal: Results in Engineering — Article, Q1

Citations: 6

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105012937127

Allelochemicals degradation and multifarious plant growth promoting potential of two Bacillus spp.: Insights into genomic potential and abiotic stress alleviation

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Chemosphere — Article, Q1

Citations: 5

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85216923704

Congo's conflicts, minerals and microbes: planetary health implications

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: BMJ Global Health — Editorial, Q1

Citations: 0

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105038303371



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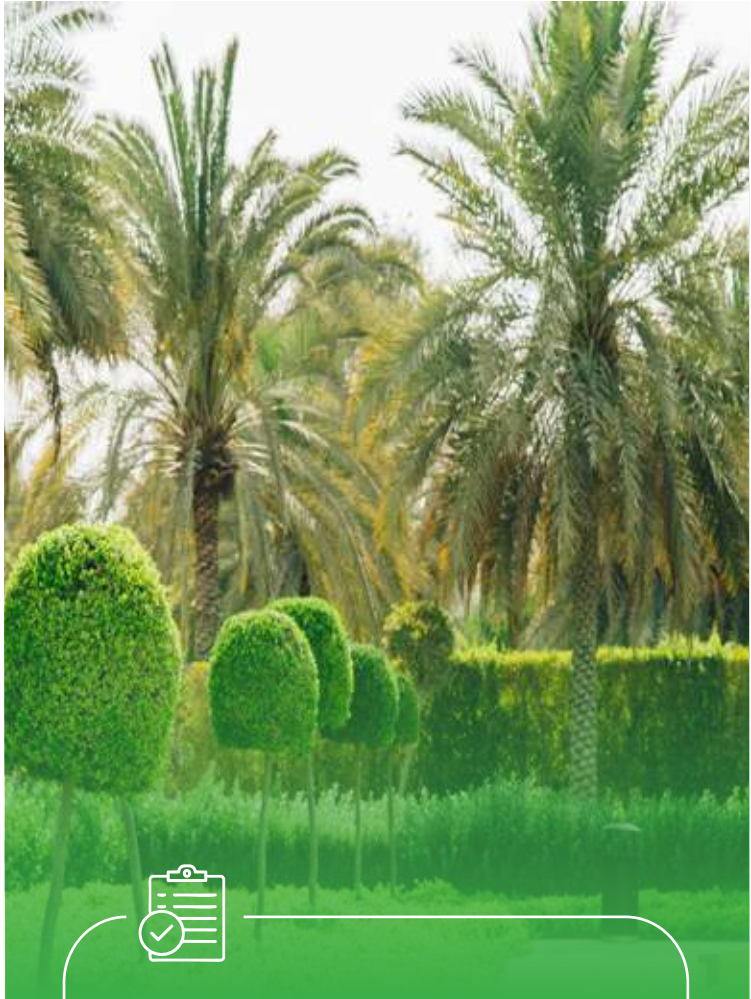
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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainability Climate Action Policy

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Impact Summary

Between January 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University's measurable contribution to SDG 15: Life on Land took the form of 7 peer-reviewed research publications, produced across 3 colleges. No non-research actions were recorded against this goal in the same period, which marks a clear opportunity for engagement, education and campus-operations activity in the next cycle.





PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 16 by promoting strong institutions, ethical governance and research integrity through its Corporate Governance Conference and Excellence Awards, its rating under the Research Integrity Risk Index, and scholarship on ESG-linked compensation and boardroom accountability. Complementary work on responsible artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, financial risk management and a national policy framework for sexual assault management reinforces institutional accountability and access to justice.

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actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026	engagement actions	research & innovation actions	education actions	health & well-being actions

Contributing Departments: College of Business, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation, College of Engineering, College of Medicine, College of Medicine (Public Health), Office of Research & Innovation

Key Partnerships: Stanford University, American University of Beirut, Ministry of Education, Cardiff University, University of Liverpool, University of Valencia, Ferris State University, Tawuniya Insurance, Tabby, Alansari Consulting

Engagement

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?"

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 10, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Usman Mahmood, the Senior Director, Financial Risk at Tawuniya Insurance, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Why Financial Risk Management Matters in the Insurance Industry?" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Education

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Cybersecurity Reinvented: From Firewalls to the Cloud & Beyond" by Mr. Weam Munshi

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



February 4, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Weam Munshi, the Head of Information Security at Tabby, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Cybersecurity Reinvented: From Firewalls to the Cloud & Beyond " was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 47 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 16.
- These have attracted 233 citations to date, with 33 appearing in Q1 journals and 36 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Business (27), College of Medicine (12), College of Engineering (6), College of Law and International Relations (2)

Alfaisal University Scholar Wins Prestigious Best Paper Award at AFS 2025 Conference

Date: September 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



Alfaisal University is proud to announce that College of Business Associate Professor of Finance Dr. Izidin El Kalak, has been awarded the Best Paper Award at the AFS 2025 Conference held at the University of Valencia, Spain, from 17–19 July 2025.

Alfaisal University Achieves High Research Integrity Rating under the New RI² Metric

Date: October 6, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia —Alfaisal University has received strong recognition for its research integrity, earning a rating that meets international standards under the newly developed Research Integrity Risk Index (RI²) — the world's first empirically grounded, composite metric designed to identify and profile institutional-level risks to research integrity.

Agentic AI Seminar

Date: October 20, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The AI Research Center at Alfaisal University hosted a seminar titled "A Practical Tour of Agentic AI Challenges and Opportunities," on October 15th as part of its ongoing AI Seminar Series, which brings together leading experts to discuss advances and societal impacts of artificial intelligence (AI)

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 3, 2025: College of Business invited Dr. Saleh Alansari, the CEO of Alansari Consulting in Bahrain, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Enabling Economic Competitiveness, Universities' Strategies role in National Innovation System" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Saudi Vision 2030 Drives Economic Diversification, Highlights at Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026

Date: December 22, 2025

Department: College of Business



Dr. Adnan Abo Alhaija, Associate Professor of Finance at Alfaisal University, presented key findings on the measurable impact of Vision 2030 during Sahm Investment Strategy Summit 2026, emphasizing the Kingdom's transition toward a more diversified and sustainable economy.

Alfaisal University Concludes the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025 Under the Theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet"

Date: January 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



Alfaisal University successfully concluded the 4th Corporate Governance Conference 2025, held on December 17 and 18, under the theme "Good Governance for Productivity, People, and Planet." The conference brought together academics, policymakers, and industry professionals for two days of structured dialogue and research exchange on the evolving role of corporate governance in supporting economic performance, social responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

First Saudi Framework Symposium on Sexual Assault and Abuse Management: Multidisciplinary Assessment and Policy Integration

Date: February 25, 2026

Department: College of Medicine (Public Health)



Dr. Noara AlHusseini presented a public-health framework on national guidelines for sexual abuse and assault at a CME-accredited symposium bridging healthcare, forensic, legal and protection sectors toward a unified national policy.

Changing life expectancy in European countries 1990–2021: a subanalysis of causes and risk factors from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet Public Health — Article, Q1

Citations: 65

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219099265

Disease burden attributable to intimate partner violence against females and sexual violence against children in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 18

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105026618723

Employees' information security awareness (ISA) in public organisations: insights from cross-cultural studies in Sweden, France, and Tunisia

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Business

Journal: Behaviour and Information Technology — Article, Q1

Citations: 17

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85184234131

Country-level drivers of biodiversity disclosures: international evidence and policy implications

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Business

Journal: Accounting Forum — Article, Q1

Citations: 16

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105003877562

Navigating the Corporate Ego: Understanding the Association Between ESG Performance and Organizational Narcissistic Rhetoric

Publication Year: 2026

Department: College of Business

Journal: Journal of Business Ethics — Article, Q1

Citations: 11

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105012598986

Health & Well-being

Global Recognition and Institutional Excellence: Alfaisal University Faculty Awards 2024–2025

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation



Stanford University's Annual 'World's Top 2% Scientists' List (2024)

This award category recognizes Alfaisal University faculty whose research excellence has earned international distinction through inclusion in Stanford University's Annual World's Top 2% Scientists list.

13th Annual Health Promotion Project Exhibition: Back to the Future - A Healthier Saudi 2040

Date: December 28, 2025

Department: College of Midicne



The Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University (AU-DFCM) proudly hosted the 13th Annual Health Promotion Project (HPP) Exhibition at the College of Medicine, reaffirming its commitment to experiential learning, community engagement, and future-oriented medical education.

Inauguration Ceremony of the New Simulation Center of the College of Medicine

Date: February 11, 2026

Department: College of Midicne



Alfaisal University Inaugurates Advanced Simulation Center at the College of Medicine. On February 9, 2026, Alfaisal University inaugurated the new Simulation Center at the College of Medicine's Department of Clinical Skills, marking a significant milestone in advancing experiential medical education, clinical competency, and patient safety.

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University Policy

Related policy: HR Admin Policy & Process Manual

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Impact Summary

Between 2025 and 2026, Alfaisal University recorded 12 actions contributing to SDG 16, spanning 7 research & innovation, 1 engagement, 3 health & well-being, 1 education initiatives, reflecting the university's sustained commitment to this goal.





SDG 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Overview:

Alfaisal University advances SDG 17 through national and international partnerships spanning medical education, research and innovation. Collaborations include agreements with the University of Ottawa, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, KAUST and SDAIA, joint research with the Hevolution Foundation and NEOM, and Boeing-supported engineering and space initiatives. Student volunteering with the Saudi Red Crescent Authority and industry partnerships in gaming, artificial intelligence and renewable energy extend this collaborative agenda.

45
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

6
education actions

10
engagement actions

6
health & well-being actions

22
research & innovation actions

1
actions recorded under this goal between 2025 and 2026

Contributing Departments: Alfaisal University, College of Business, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation, College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy, College of Engineering, College of Engineering & Advanced Computing, College of Medicine, College of Science & General Studies, Office of Research & Innovation, University-wide

Key Partnerships: Boeing, NEOM, IRCAD, University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC), Hevolution Foundation, Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA), King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA), Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Tencent, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSrelief), King Faisal Foundation (KFF)

Engagement

Alfaisal University Hosts University of Ottawa Delegation Reunion Reception

Date: February 18, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the University of Ottawa Delegation Alumni Reception, bringing together over 50 distinguished guests, including consultants, specialists, healthcare leaders, and faculty members from various Saudi hospitals and institutions. This event served as a reunion for alumni and also laid the groundwork for future academic collaborations between Alfaisal University and the University of Ottawa, reinforcing the strong educational and professional ties between Saudi Arabia and Canada.

Run4Rare Community Run Promotes Rare Disease Awareness

Date: February 22, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



On February 22nd, Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Run4Rare Event, a race and awareness initiative in honor of International Rare Disease Day. This collaborative effort between Alfaisal University, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC) and King Faisal Foundation (KFF) aimed to raise awareness about rare diseases and support those affected by these conditions.

Alfaisal University and NEOM Discuss Strategic Collaboration

Date: May 8, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD. The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

Alfaisal Faculty Represents Saudi Arabia at Global Starfield Summit on Primary Health Care and Social Determinants of Health

Date: May 14, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Senior faculty members from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Alfaisal University, Dr. Baraa Alghalyini and Dr. Abdul Rehman Zia Zaidi, proudly represented Saudi Arabia at the Starfield Summit 2025, held at Hart House, University of Toronto from May 14–16, 2025

Alfaisal Faculty Appointed MENA Representative on IAMSE Ambassador Committee

Date: May 29, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Ayman Mohamed, faculty member in the Department of Medical Education, as the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Representative on the Ambassador Committee of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE).

Alfaisal Medical Students Support Hajj 1446H Emergency Response with Saudi Red Crescent Authority

Date: July 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine

In a powerful reflection of Alfaisal University's commitment to service, healthcare innovation, and Vision 2030 priorities, a group of clinical-year medical students volunteered with the Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA) during the Hajj 1446H season, offering emergency response support in one of the largest annual gatherings in the world.

A Legacy of Service: Alfaisal University Honors HRH Princess Moudi and HH Princess Nouf

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Pharmacy



On Volunteer Day, Alfaisal University celebrated the remarkable contributions of HRH Princess Moudi bint Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HH Princess Nouf bint Abdulrahman bin Nasser Al Saud, two visionary leaders whose lifelong dedication to humanitarian work continues to uplift communities across the Kingdom. Their tireless commitment, compassionate leadership, and service-oriented approach serve as a profound inspiration for the university community, showing how leadership can transform into meaningful action.

Alfaisal University Advances Saudi Canadian Academic Partnerships at Toronto Forum 2.0

Date: April 23, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Dr. Wael M. Al-Kattan, Vice Dean and Director of Sustainability Office, and Dr. Baraa Alghalyini, Vice Dean and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine represented the College of Medicine at the Canada-Saudi Education Partnership Forum 2.0, hosted at the University of Toronto on March 30-31, 2026.

Alfaisal University Showcases Academic Portfolio at NAFSA 2026

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: University-wide



Orlando, May 26 – 29, 2026: Alfaisal University participated in the NAFSA 2026 Annual Conference & Expo, one of the world's leading international higher education events, taking place in Orlando, United States, from May 26 to 29, 2026.

A Journey of Service and Compassion: Alfaisal Medical Students Conclude Hajj 1447 Mission

Date: June 8, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal medical students participated in the Hajj 1447 healthcare mission, providing medical support to pilgrims while gaining hands-on clinical experience and contributing to community health and well-being.

Education

Alfaisal University Hosts the Largest Global Game Jam Site in Saudi Arabia for 2025

Date: College of Engineering

Department: College of Engineering



This past weekend, Alfaisal University proudly hosted the 2025 Global Game Jam for the fourth consecutive year in Riyadh, creating an incredible platform for creativity, innovation, and collaboration in the gaming and game development sector. Over 48 hours, participants worked tirelessly to craft games that not only entertained but also showcased the vibrant potential of local talent and global collaboration.

Celebrating a Milestone: The First Graduates of the ABM Program

Date:February 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The Accelerated Bachelor's and Master's (ABM) Program proudly announces its first graduates: Nouf Farhoud and Lama Alshammari. This innovative program, a collaboration between Alfaisal University and KAUST, provides eligible, high-performing undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn both a Bachelor's degree from Alfaisal and a Master of Science degree from KAUST within a five-year period.

Annual Engineering Design Expo and 7th Boeing Competition

Date: May 13, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University's 7th Annual Engineering Design Expo and the Boeing Competition was held on Sunday, April 27th showcasing the exceptional talent and innovative spirit of engineering students. The event brought together over 300 students who presented a total of 121 projects across six main engineering disciplines: Architectural, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Software, and Applied AI.

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: October 12, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD . The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts at the Diriyah Art Futures

Date: September 24, 2025

Department: College of Egineering



Alfaisal's AI Center arranged a group visit for students and faculty affiliates to the Diriya Art Futures exhibition, "Art Must Be Artificial: Perspectives of AI in the Visual Arts," curated by Jerome Neutres and featuring the work of over 30 artists from around the world. The exhibit maps the evolution of computer art from its origins in the 1960s to today's cutting-edge digital practices.

COM366 Launches the Middle East's First POEM Curriculum Track Embedding the Sustainable Development Goals into Medical Education

Date: June 21, 2026

Department: College of Medicine

Alfaisal University launched the region's first POEM curriculum track integrating the SDGs into medical education, preparing future physicians to address health equity, sustainability, and global health challenges through innovative teaching approaches.

Research & Innovation

- Alfaisal University published 1150 Scopus-indexed research outputs aligned with SDG 17.
- These have attracted 7,300 citations to date, with 725 appearing in Q1 journals and 1150 produced through international co-authorship.

Contributing Colleges: College of Medicine (751), College of Engineering (169), College of Business (125), College of Science and General Studies (77), College of Pharmacy (26), College of Law and International Relations (2)

Alfaisal University Holds Research Symposium on Health Policy and Economics Development in Saudi Arabia

Date: February 27, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University organized a research symposium titled "Developing Health Policies and Economics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The symposium aimed to discuss the latest developments in health policies and related economics, while shedding light on the challenges and opportunities facing the healthcare sector in the Kingdom.

The King Salman Relief Hackathon: AI in Humanitarian Relief

Date: March 2, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



The King Salman Relief Hackathon: AI in Humanitarian Relief for Healthcare concluded successfully on February 25th, showcasing the power of AI-driven solutions in crisis response. Held as part of the 4th Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum, this initiative was a collaborative effort between Alfaisal University, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) and the United Nations, bringing together innovators and problem-solvers to explore the transformative potential of AI.

Alfaisal University Hosts Proteomics KOLs Roundtable Meeting

Date: May 5, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University was honoured to host the Proteomics Key Opinion Leaders' (KOLs) Roundtable meeting on the 5th of May, organized by Olink-Sama Masa/Gulf Scientific Corp. This important event brought together over 30 key attendees from the proteomics landscape, including representatives from Olink, Sama Masa, and researchers from notable institutions such as KFSHRC Riyadh, KFSHRC Jeddah, KSU, Hevolution Foundation, KAIMRC, and KFMC.

Alfaisal University and Hevolution Foundation Discuss Longevity and Health Research

Date: May 6, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University had the privilege of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the Hevolution Foundation in a visit that sets the stage for transformative collaboration in longevity research and innovative healthcare initiatives. The visit, held May 6th 2025, marked a major step toward establishing a strategic, long-term partnership between the two forward-thinking institutions.

Alfaisal Medical Student Represents Arab Region at Global Immunology Conference in Belgium

Date: May 7, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Alfaisal University fifth-year medical student and emerging researcher Ghaith Adi participated in the prestigious Immune Niches in Cancer and Inflammation 2025 (INCI25) conference, held from May 7–9, 2025, in Bruges, Belgium. Organized by the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB), a global leader in life sciences research, the conference convened international experts to discuss recent breakthroughs in immunology, cancer biology, and inflammatory disease mechanisms.

Winners of Faculty Awards for Research Excellence 2025

Date: May 12, 2025

Department: Office of Research & Innovation



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – May 12, 2025 — Alfaisal University proudly celebrated the outstanding achievements of its faculty during the annual Faculty Awards for Research Excellence ceremony, held on May 12, 2025. The awards are presented to recognize, encourage, and reward faculty members whose research and creative endeavors have gained significant recognition locally, regionally, and nationally.

Alfaisal University and Medident Japan Sign a Partnership Agreement

Date:September 11, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



RIYADH — Alfaisal University has partnered with Japan's Medident in a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at creating a new model for equitable, technology-driven healthcare innovation. The collaboration, which aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, was formalized at a signing ceremony at the Saudi Arabia Pavilion at the Osaka-Kansai Expo.

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to Advance Renewable Energy Research and Sustainability in Saudi Arabia

Date: September 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



September 16, 2025: Alfaisal University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AFAQ Energy (Sky Energy) to strengthen collaboration in renewable energy, scientific research, and sustainability initiatives. This strategic partnership reflects Alfaisal University's commitment to driving innovation and supporting Saudi Vision 2030 by promoting clean energy solutions and sustainable development.

Fourteen Alfaisal University Faculty Featured in Stanford's World's Top 2% Scientists List 2024

Date: October 6, 2025

Department: : Office of Research & Innovation



In September 2025, Stanford University released the World's Top 2% Scientists List 2024, based on citation analysis from the Scopus database. The list, compiled by Professor John P. A. Ioannidis and his team, is issued annually in two categories:

- Career Impact, which reflects long-term contributions to research.
- Annual Impact, which highlights recent publications with significant influence.

Alfaisal Welcomes NEOM and IRCAD for Simulation & Innovation Talks

Date: October 12, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



On September 8, 2025, the Center for Innovation Partnerships and Community (CIPC) hosted a high-level delegation from NEOM and the institution of IRCAD . The visit focused on advancing collaboration in medical simulation, robotics, and healthcare innovation, reinforcing Saudi Arabia's role as a hub for transformative medical education.

Agentic AI Seminar

Date: October 20, 2025

Department: College of Egineering



The AI Research Center at Alfaisal University hosted a seminar titled "A Practical Tour of Agentic AI Challenges and Opportunities," on October 15th as part of its ongoing AI Seminar Series, which brings together leading experts to discuss advances and societal impacts of artificial intelligence (AI).

Tencent's Game Development Pilot Training Program at Alfaisal University

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University, in partnership with Tencent, hosted the Game Development Training Workshop, organized by the College of Engineering and Advanced Computing's Game Innovation Center, a three-day series designed to equip students with practical skills in game design, artificial intelligence (AI), and user-generated content creation through expert-led sessions and hands-on learning.

Alfaisal University Celebrates Success at the Space Lead 25 Conference

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – November 2025

Alfaisal University proudly participated in the Space Lead 25 Conference, a groundbreaking national event dedicated to advancing the Kingdom's vision in space science, medicine, and innovation.

Alfaisal University Successfully Concludes SpaceLead Conference

Date: November 30, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the SpaceLead'25 Conference, held under the generous patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. This first-of-its-kind conference in the Kingdom marks a defining step toward advancing scientific dialogue, innovation, and leadership in space science and technology.-

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Empowering Future Leaders"

Date: December 8, 2025

Department: College of Business



December 2, 2025 : College of Business invited Mr. Fernando Vallina, Chairman, CEO & President for ExxonMobil Saudi Arabia Inc, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Empowering Future Leaders" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Racing Ahead: Alfaisal Formula Team Makes Its Mark Down Under in Asutralia!

Date: December 16, 2025

Department: College of Engineering



Alfaisal University proudly announces the outstanding performance of its Alfaisal Formula Team at the Formula Student Competition in Australia. The team exhibited exceptional technical expertise and driving skills, making a strong mark on an international stage.

Alfaisal University Signs Strategic MoUs with Tokyo University of Technology and SpaceData to Advance Deep Tech and Space Innovation

Date: January 15, 2026

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, January 11th, 2026: Alfaisal University has announced the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Tokyo University of Technology (School of Design) and SpaceData to advance joint initiatives in deep tech and space innovation. The agreements were signed by HRH Princess Maha Mishari Alsaud, the University's VP for External Affairs and Advancement, in the presence of H.E. the Saudi Minister of Investment and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Alfaisal University Signs MoU with SDAIA to Strengthen Academic Programs and AI Capacity Building at ICAN 2026

Date: January 29, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, 28th of January 2026: Alfaisal University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA) on the sidelines of the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), held in King Saud University, Riyadh.

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date: February 1, 2026

Department: College of Engineering



Riyadh, January 28 – 29, 2026: Alfaisal University participated in the International Conference on Data and AI Capacity Building (ICAN 2026), a leading global platform dedicated to advancing data, artificial intelligence, and human capability development. The conference brought together policymakers, academic institutions, and industry leaders to explore strategies for building future-ready skills and strengthening national AI ecosystems, with a focus on the role of education and a wide participation of national universities.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Digital Infrastructure" by Mr. Mohamad ElBakri

Date: February 5, 2026

Department: College of Business



January 28, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Mohamad ElBakri, the Head of Real Estate & Infrastructure Advisor in JLL, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Digital Infrastructure " was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group"

Date: February 12, 2026

Department: College of Business



February 9, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Samit Nag, Director of World Bank Group HR & Ms. Mabel Emmanie-Algis Udoh, Manager of Talent Attraction, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

Engineering Design Expo & 8th Boeing Competition

Date: June 4, 2026

Department: College of Engineering & Advanced Computing



The College of Engineering organized the Boeing-sponsored Engineering Design Expo with roughly 350 students presenting 147 projects across engineering and computing disciplines, including an MOU signing with Jadwaleen International Group.

Global, regional, and national prevalence of adult overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 917

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219548783

Burden of 375 diseases and injuries, risk-attributable burden of 88 risk factors, and healthy life expectancy in 204 countries and territories, including 660 subnational locations, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 444

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105019277501

Global, Regional, and National Burden of Cardiovascular Diseases and Risk Factors in 204 Countries and Territories, 1990-2023

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: Journal of the American College of Cardiology — Article, Q1

Citations: 414

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105023210313

Global, regional, and national prevalence of child and adolescent overweight and obesity, 1990–2021, with forecasts to 2050: a forecasting study for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 355

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/85219538023

Global burden of 292 causes of death in 204 countries and territories and 660 subnational locations, 1990–2023: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2023

Publication Year: 2025

Department: College of Medicine

Journal: The Lancet — Article, Q1

Citations: 314

Link: https://www.scopus.com/pages/publications/105019266565

Health & Well-being

Driving AI Capacity Building and Advancing AI Education and Innovation: Alfaisal University at ICAN 2026

Date:February 25, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University's Wellbeing and Health Office (AU-WHO) celebrated the university's participation in the Riyadh Marathon 2025 with a commemorative event. Faculty, students, staff, and partners gathered to honor a day of resilience, teamwork, and commitment to wellness.

Alfaisal University Hosts the Wellbeing at Work Middle East Summit 2025 in Riyadh

Date: February 25, 2025

Department: Alfaisal University



Alfaisal University proudly hosted the Wellbeing at Work Middle East Summit 2025, an event that brought together global leaders, healthcare professionals, corporate executives, and HR experts dedicated to transforming workplace wellness.

Alfaisal University and the Tadawi Medical Association in Umluj Governorate Sign an Agreement to Enhance Healthcare and Community Wellbeing

Date: September 16, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, 16th of September 2025: Alfaisal University and the Tadawi Medical Association in Umluj Governorate signed an agreement (MoU) aimed at strengthening community partnerships and raising health awareness

Alfaisal University Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Date: November 2, 2025

Department: College of Medicine



Riyadh, October 2025: Alfaisal University signed a collaboration agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center during the Global Health Exhibition 2025, held from 27 – 30 October, to strengthen partnerships in medical and academic fields and promote the exchange of global expertise in healthcare.

Dr. Qasem Ramadan Leads Specialized Organ-on-a-Chip Workshop at MicroTAS 2025 in Adelaide, Showcasing Saudi Research Excellence and Conference Participation

Date: November 25, 2025

Department: College of Science & General Studies



Adelaide, Australia, November 2nd, 2025: Alfaisal University is pleased to announce that Dr. Qasem Ramadan, Research Assistant Professor of Chemistry, led a specialized workshop titled "Organs-on-a-Chip for Pharmacokinetics & Immune/Metabolic Disease Modelling: Engineering, Validation, & Applications" at the 29th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (MicroTAS 2025), held from 2–6 November in Adelaide, Australia.

Global Recognition and Institutional Excellence: Alfaisal University Faculty Awards 2024–2025

Date: December 24, 2025

Department: College of Business; College of Medicine; College of Engineering; College of Pharmacy; College of Science & General Studies; Office of Research & Innovation



Stanford University's Annual 'World's Top 2% Scientists' List (2024) This award category recognizes Alfaisal University faculty whose research excellence has earned international distinction through inclusion in Stanford University's Annual World's Top 2% Scientists list.

Operations

Alfaisal University Launches E-Waste Initiative in Collaboration with MWAN and Irtiqa

Date: October 5, 2025

Department: C Alfaisal University



February 9, 2026: College of Business invited Mr. Samit Nag, Director of World Bank Group HR & Ms. Mabel Emmanie-Algis Udoh, Manager of Talent Attraction, to be part of CoB's Executive Lecture Series. The lecture titled "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group" was presented to the audience and College of Business students.

College of Business Executive Lecture Series "Global Talent Trends & Career Opportunities at the World Bank Group"

Date: February 12, 2026

Department: College of Business



Riyadh, October 5th, 2025: As part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility and environmental sustainability, Alfaisal University, through its Social Responsibility Department, has launched the E-Waste Initiative in collaboration with the National Center for Waste Management (MWAN) and Ertiqa Association. This initiative focuses on responsible electronic waste management and the promotion of sustainable practices within the university community.

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University Policy

Related policy: Sustainable Development Policy

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Impact Summary

In 2024, Alfaisal University forged 31 partnerships with global institutions, including the UNDP and World Economic Forum. These collaborations advanced healthcare, engineering, AI, and sustainability, fostering youth empowerment, innovation, and knowledge exchange, reinforcing Alfaisal's role as a Vision 2030 and SDG-driven hub.

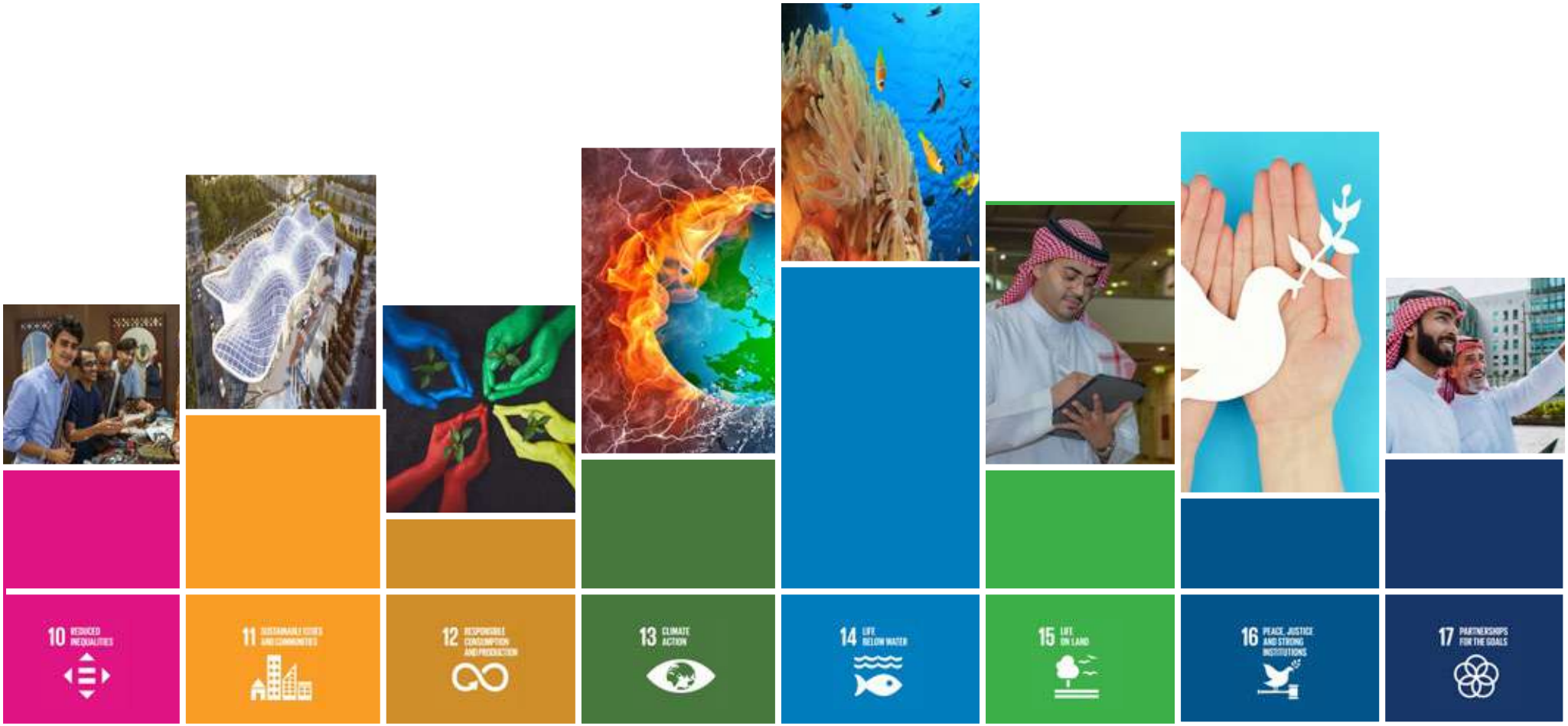
Impact of SDG Research

Research output by Sustainable Development Goal · 2025–2026

17 SDGs tracked

Goal	Focus area	2025	2026*	Total	Growth 2020–2025
SDG 1	No Poverty	4	2	24	–20%
SDG 2	Zero Hunger	9	6	68	–18%
SDG 3	Good Health & Well-being	722	557	3,702	+111%
SDG 4	Quality Education	59	39	240	+228%
SDG 5	Gender Equality	20	9	110	+82%
SDG 6	Clean Water & Sanitation	17	8	112	+55%
SDG 7	Affordable & Clean Energy	49	33	248	+172%
SDG 8	Decent Work & Economic Growth	54	31	196	+286%
SDG 9	Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure	143	59	646	+165%
SDG 10	Reduced Inequalities	73	17	384	+109%
SDG 11	Sustainable Cities & Communities	15	12	133	–21%
SDG 12	Responsible Consumption & Production	52	23	233	+271%
SDG 13	Climate Action	23	12	108	+667%
SDG 14	Life Below Water	2	0	12	—
SDG 15	Life on Land	3	4	20	+200%
SDG 16	Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions	20	27	111	+100%
SDG 17	Partnerships for the Goals	655	495	3,146	+151%

Source: supplied SDG research data. *2026 figures as shown in the source.


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