Life Beyond Saadiyat

WHERE THEY ARE NOW AGGREGATE OUTCOMES AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS THEIR LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPACT

Featuring globetrotters, environmentalists, entrepreneurs, and award winners.
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Here, we grow

This simple motto of our 10th anniversary year encapsulates NYU Abu Dhabi’s commitment to higher education as the foundation for lasting growth: personal and intellectual development, societal advancement, and the increase of knowledge the best universities contribute to the world.

Our alumni are the paragons of such growth.

In ten years, NYU Abu Dhabi has realized a new model of liberal arts education that is resolutely international, driven by the joy of learning, and grounded in fundamental research. Our curriculum equips students to become creative and collaborative leaders in any human endeavor, and to make positive differences in our world - in their worlds.

We have built an amazing community of alumni who are prepared to turn challenges into solutions, to shape the future by their willingness to look at things differently, and to place their ambitious visions at the service of their communities and the world at large.

NYU Abu Dhabi’s graduates are employed in leading organizations within the UAE and around the globe, they are pursuing further study at top graduate schools, and they are innovating through entrepreneurial and artistic pursuits.

As we join together to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our remarkable institution, we congratulate our alumni community – 1100 strong! – for their commitment to leading change throughout the world and for supporting one another throughout the journey.

As you will read in these pages, the spirit of possibility lives within our graduates. I am confident that as we embark on our second decade, our alumni will continue to demonstrate the boundless capability and promise fostered by an NYU Abu Dhabi education.

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How NYU Abu Dhabi Alumni Are Shaping Their (Adopted) Home

National Contributions

Every city has its flavors— from the materials that bind them to the people who populate them. But at its most basic, the best cities, like the countries they comprise, are built by everyone, for everyone. On the NYU Abu Dhabi campus, architecturally-inspired interactions are producing leaders with a deep appreciation for difference, and those traits are now being applied to the work NYUAD graduates are doing within eyeshot of their alma mater.

For Lan Duong (NYUAD ’15), who grew up in Los Angeles, building Abu Dhabi is a literal obsession. As a civil engineer and project manager at AECOM, she sees the magic in places that many cannot – the underground systems that power cities through subterranean wizardry.

She jokes that it’s easy to think of her field of water engineering as “cold, robotic, and soulless,” before adding: “When you think about Atlantis or ancient Rome, what comes to mind first is the infrastructure.”

Duong carries that weight of significance to her job developing the capital. One recent project she partnered on was Reem Central Park, an aesthetically pleasing mix of promenades, sports parks, and pocket lawns that were designed to enhance human interaction. It’s what landscape architects, Duong’s engineering cousins, might call a “well-made place.” And it’s a place Duong says she’s especially proud to have helped build.

Eventually, Duong hopes to use her experience designing Abu Dhabi to assist the less fortunate. One possibility: critical infrastructure restoration after disasters. And yet, no matter where she sets up shop next, she says she’ll always strive to make “a tangible impact on people’s wellbeing and sense of attachment to their home.”

Iron and glass (and underground pipes, apparently) can certainly have that effect; physical structures are often how people describe their communities to others. But as inspiring as the built environment is, ideas can be equally effective at bringing people together.

For Lamees Al Makkawi (NYUAD ’16), culture is the architecture of urban greatness. As an associate at TwoFour54’s Creative Lab, she is working to strengthen the viability of Abu Dhabi’s domestic media industry because, “there’s so much more to be told. I want our stories to have as much of an impact as our skyscrapers and our cars,” she says.

To ensure that they do, Al Makkawi is laying the groundwork for the UAE’s future storytellers. Through trainings, workshops, and internships, she develops programs to expose young people to “the full breadth of possibilities of a career in the media industry – behind or in front of the camera.” She says this supports TwoFour54’s objective of developing and strengthening the region’s Arabic media content. “Youth are the future of the industry,” she explains. “We just need to offer them more support to help them reach a broader audience.”

Ideas are also currency that Emina Osmandzicovic (NYUAD ’17) uses to enrich her adopted city. As a researcher at TRENDS Research & Advisory, an independent think tank based in Abu Dhabi, she studies migration, displacement, and security. So far, her biggest projects have been in Saudi Arabia, where she studies economic and social integration of Syrian migrants. Through data research she’s mapped out how more than a million displaced Syrians have found shelter in the country.

But she’s also eyeing social trends in the UAE, and everywhere she looks, research is impacting life in positive ways. For example, residents with special needs in the UAE – people with...
determination – have access to a growing list of services, a development that Osmandzikovic says has been supported by the work of social scientists. Another example is Abu Dhabi’s future interfaith complex, The Abrahamic Family House, which will contain a church, a mosque, and a synagogue on Saadiyat Island. That, too, is an idea supported with research. “You’re seeing all these projects that result from understanding the community better,” she says.

In the years ahead, Osmandzikovic believes that her work, and the work of researchers like her, will help power the UAE’s continued upward trajectory. The UAE has accomplished a lot in less than five decades, she says, from innovations in clean energy to having one of the region’s strongest passports. “But with more and more initiatives, we will need more and more data to back them up and to make them sustainable.”

To be sure, urban innovation often moves faster than the academic process. Sometimes the best way to improve a city is to dive right in, an approach that has worked well for Patrick Wee (NYUAD ’17). After graduation, Wee turned down a job at Goldman Sachs in London to join EMAAR in Dubai as one of the firm’s young “entrepreneurs in residence,” or what the company calls an E25 partner. EMAAR wanted young people to bring new ideas to the company, and Wee wanted an alternative to investment banking – anything that wouldn’t chain him up with “corporate due diligence and all that fun stuff.”

So far, it’s been a productive partnership. Among Wee’s first projects at EMAAR was co-founding letswork, a company marketing cafes and restaurants as co-working spaces during off-hours. A few months ago, he helped launch another venture, Ease by EMAAR, a short-term home rental company linking luxury properties to holiday goers. He’s also assisting with EMAAR strategic initiatives, like the construction of Dubai’s first fully 3D printed home.

“To help shape a city has been truly amazing.”
- Patrick Wee

Wee knows he’s been fortunate to have the latitude to run with his ideas. He also knows that the benefits have been mutual. “To be part of Dubai’s transformation and to help shape a city has been truly amazing,” he says.
World View

Here, we grow

They dispersed from Abu Dhabi with something to offer, and some things yet to learn.

They took root in more than 80 different countries.
Our business is three years old,
and friend Beso Turazashvili
approached me regarding
finance my NYUAD classmate
"After years of working in
experience. It’s been really
incredibly inspiring to work in
you’re in but also
a global company and to see
fascinating to work in such
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"I’ve been working with
voice, and showed me just
how I could use it with a level
"My time at NYUAD gave me

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bridge differences. These values,
and arrive at an unfamiliar
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Working for a More Sustainable Future

When Going Green Becomes the Strategic, Social, and Straightforward Thing to Do

Years ago, a university graduate pursuing a career in environmental science might have been inspired by saving manatees from boat strikes or sea turtles from extinction. Today, it’s the planet they’re protecting. “Climate change is probably not the first thing that [older generations] think about” when they wake up in the morning, says Dana Al Hosani (NYUAD ’18). “My generation is constantly thinking about it.”

“people don’t choose to be unsustainable because they want to be, but because it’s often not easy to go green.”

- Dana Al Hosani

As a student, Al Hosani studied the psychology of environmentalism. What she learned was that “people don’t choose to be unsustainable because they want to be, but because it’s often not easy to go green”. Drawing on those insights, she now helps undergraduates improve the sustainability of events on the NYUAD campus. Working in the Office of Student Life, she created a sustainability checklist for student activities “to make the convenient option the sustainable one.”

His work also involves helping the Bank plan more holistically by engaging stakeholders and accounting for environmental risks throughout the design and implementation phases. “So many of the world’s challenges are interconnected,” he says. “We miss out on potential solutions when we look at things from a siloed perspective.”

To be sure, breaking down silos is never easy. During his two years as a Project Manager at the European Commission, in Brussels, Andres Fernandez (NYUAD ’16) discovered that even well-meaning projects can have a rocky start. For example, one of the best ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Europe is to increase cross-border transmission of renewable energy. But to do that, countries must pay for the infrastructure. Whether France wants to accept Spanish grids, or the United Kingdom wants to be connected to Europe, these are huge challenges to overcome,” he says.

Fernandez now works for the Carbon Trust in Mexico City, where he helps Latin American governments decarbonize. But lessons learned in Europe remain front of mind. In 2018, France and Spain finally agreed to build a renewable link, but only after the European Union funded the construction. For Fernandez, stories like this illustrate that to move away from fossil fuels the world needs ambitious ideas paired with appropriate policy.

That linkage is certainly clear to Kate Melville-Rea (NYUAD ’18). As Projects and Events Coordinator at the Cairns and Far North Environment Centre, in Queensland, Australia, she educates people to the threats of water pollution; one of her favorite programs is “drain art” for kids. “We use stencils and spray paint to put a permanent message on drains that is colorful and cute,” she says. The message – “Drains to Reef,” as in, the Great Barrier Reef – is innocuous enough. But even that observation is a stretch for some people. “I was yelled at by a couple of farmers recently; they told me to get a real job! It’s not an easy place to be a climate advocate.” Why does she persist? Because to her, drains are tiny pieces in a planetary puzzle that has been neglected for long enough.
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- Alejandro Mora

Businesses born on campus have a certain appeal in popular culture; thanks to Hollywood, we all know the origins of Facebook. But as unlikely as a college startup might seem, great universities produce them in abundance. Startups with Saadiyat roots are proliferating.

For Beatrice Ionascu (NYUAD ’16) and Dora Palfi (NYUAD ’16), founders of tech startup imagiLabs, their genesis story dates to their first days on campus. In the fall of 2012, they were matched as first-year roommates, a fateful pairing that sparked a friendship and inspired a business. From their residence hall they launched a student group to empower women in computer science, engineering, and technology. Then, after graduating, they both studied in Sweden at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, where Palfi’s research produced an epiphany: to inspire girls into computing, coding should be fun. The result was imagiCharm, an illuminated smart accessory that can be programmed on a mobile phone. Sales are growing steadily, as is interest in the company’s workshops and trainings. “Technology is such a powerful force today and will be even more so in the future,” says Palfi. “We believe that the best way to empower women and to achieve more equality is by bringing more women into tech.”

Friendship and shared interests are also what brought Gabor Csapo (NYUAD ’18), Miha Klasnic (NYUAD ’18), Jihyun Kim (NYUAD ’18), and Alia ElKattan (NYUAD ’19) together as business partners. In 2017, they all took the same Politics of Code class, where they learned how computer programming influences real lives. One example that resonated was how companies use algorithms in the recruiting process – despite strong evidence that this can produce biases in hiring. To them, this seemed outrageous, and the classmates responded the best way they knew how: by writing more code.

They applied for, and received, USD 25,000 from the Mozilla Foundation, which they used to create a video game, Survival of the Best Fit. Today, the game is used by educators worldwide to teach students about the ethical risks of artificial intelligence. “At the core of our education was an understanding of the sheer diversity of thought,” says Kim. “Because we were surrounded by diversity, it was obvious to us that [protecting that] was important.”

A different kind of diversity drives Lucas Olscamp (NYUAD ’17), Allanah Avalon (NYUAD ’18), Nathalie Kozak (NYUAD ’18), and Alejandro Mora (NYUAD ’18). As theater majors, they knew what kind of art they wanted to create after graduation – performances that explored social and cultural boundaries. When they didn’t find these opportunities, they decided to create them, together, with Tooth n’ Fang, a global-arts collective.

Their first project, an adaptation of the Capstone that Avalon and Kozak created at NYUAD, was presented at the Melbourne Fringe Festival. Their most recent work, ORO, was staged in Costa Rica and explored the evolution of myth and mythology. They aren’t sure what’s next on the billing, but whatever it is, they’re confident it will be true to their founding principles. “Our nomadic troubadour style of doing art and finding spaces where we can be international and local” is what defines Tooth n’ Fang, says Mora. “The idea that we’re not limited by borders, by cultures, and that we can actually learn from them and navigate them and move through them with our art, that is something uniquely NYU Abu Dhabi.”
Global Awards

Selected Awards and Scholarships

Between 2014 and 2019, NYUAD students have received 12 Rhodes Scholarships; 5 Schwarzman Scholarships; 1 Al Ghurair Scholarship; 8 Fulbright Scholarships; 1 Future Global Leader Award; 6 Global Academic Fellowships (GAF); 5 Critical Language Scholarship; 1 Erasmus Mundus Scholarship; 1 Center for Arabic Study Abroad Scholarship (CASA); 11 Clinton Global Initiative - University Scholarships (CGIU)

RHODES SCHOLARS

The world's oldest fellowship program, established in 1902, Rhodes Scholarships provide students with two years of postgraduate study at the University of Oxford in England.

- Alexander Wang '14 United States
  Rhodes (US) Scholar '15
  Curtis-Linman Clinical Fellow, Yale Law School (Fall 2020)
  New Haven, CT, USA

- Shamima Al Mazrui '14 United Arab Emirates
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '14
  Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Abu Dhabi, UAE

- Charlotte Wang '14 United States
  Rhodes (US) Scholar '14
  PhD, Sociology, Columbia University
  New York, NY, USA

- Hamel Al Gubaisi '15 United Arab Emirates
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '15
  Supreme Council for National Security Abu Dhabi, UAE

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

The Fulbright Program's goal is to improve intercultural relations, cultural diplomacy, and intercultural competence between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

- Arfa Rehman '15 India
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '15
  Co-Founder, Chorus Health
  San Francisco, CA, USA

- Farah Shamout '16 Jordan
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '16
  Assistant Professor, NYUAD
  Abu Dhabi, UAE

- Dubai Alfalasi '17 United Arab Emirates
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '17
  Columnist, The National / The Gulf Today / Al Bayan
  Dubai, UAE

- Guillaume Sylvaine '17 Canada
  Rhodes (Canada) Scholar '17
  MPP, University of Oxford
  Oxford, UK

- Mahira AlMemeeri '18 United Arab Emirates
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '18
  MSc, Education, University of Oxford
  Oxford, UK

- Chaima Faddil '18 Canada
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '18
  MSc, University of Oxford
  Oxford, UK

- Sara Bahermes '16 United Arab Emirates
  Fulbright (UAE) Scholar '16
  MFA, Towson University
  Towson, MD, USA

- Zoe Hu '16 Hong Kong
  Fulbright (US) Scholar '16
  Master's, History, Columbia University
  New York, NY, USA

- Annalisa Galgano '17 United States
  Fulbright (US) Scholar '17
  SiPA, Capstone Workshop
  Consultant, International Labor Organization
  New York, NY, USA

- Thomas Klein '18 United States
  Fulbright (US) Scholar '18
  Analyst, K2 Intelligence
  New York, NY, USA

- Hannah Taylor '18 United States
  Fulbright (US) Scholar '18
  MPP, Central European University
  Budapest, Hungary

- Amal Badri '19 United Arab Emirates
  Fulbright (US) Scholar '19
  MSc, Global Governance and Diplomacy, University of Oxford
  Oxford, UK

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

An one year international scholarship program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, founded by American financier Stephen A. Schwarzman. The program launched in June 2016, and seeks to give future global leaders an education in modern China.

- Mohammed Omar '14 South Africa
  Schwarzman Scholar '17
  Consultant, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
  Dubai, UAE

- Corey Meyer '15 United States
  Schwarzman Scholar '16
  Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell
  New York, NY, USA

- Mandy Tan '15 United States
  Schwarzman Scholar '18
  Director of Business Integration & Strategic Partnerships, SpaceCycle
  Shanghai, China

- Comfort Ayo '19 Nigeria
  Schwarzman Scholar '19
  Consultant, Deloitte
  Abuja, Nigeria

- Bahar Ahmadnejad '19 Iran
  Schwarzman Scholar '19
  Researcher, Center for Strategic and International Studies
  Washington, DC, USA

- Rohith Reddy '19 India
  Schwarzman Scholar '19
  Data Analyst, McKinsey & Company
  Bangalore, India

- Shamma Al Mazrui '14 United Arab Emirates
  Rhodes (UAE) Scholar '14
  Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Abu Dhabi, UAE

ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARS

The Erasmus Mundus Scholarships, funded by the European Union, are awarded to students to undertake graduate study at two or more European universities in a jointly sponsored program.

- Carrisa Tehputri '18 Indonesia
  Erasmus Mundus Scholar '18
  Public Policy Research Assistant, NYUAD
  Abu Dhabi, UAE

YENCHING SCHOLARS

Yenching Scholars is an intensive global leadership program at Peking University (China) designed to provide outstanding young scholars with a broad interdisciplinary graduate education that reflects global perspectives in a Chinese context.

- Olivia Bergen '15 United States
  Yenching Scholar '16
  Campaign Manager, Cinde Warmington
  New Hampshire, USA

- Julia Saubier '17 Philippines
  Yenching Scholar '17
  Erasmus Mundus Scholar '18
  Peking University
  Beijing, China

- Rastraraj Bhandari '19 Nepal
  Yenching Scholar '19
  MSc, Yenching Academy of Peking University
  Beijing, China

AL GHURAIR SCHOLARS

The Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education supports high-achieving underserved Arab students in pursuit of STEM-related fields at top universities.

- Yousefna Boktor '18 Egypt
  Al Ghurair Scholar '17
  MEng, Civil Engineering, McGill University
  Montreal, Canada

- George Ekech '18 Nigeria
  Al Ghurair Scholar '17
  MEng, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Oxford
  Oxford, UK

- Matthew Obasi '18 Nigeria
  Al Ghurair Scholar '17
  MEng, Materials Science and Engineering, University of Cambridge
  Cambridge, UK

- Joseph Yaya '18 Nigeria
  Al Ghurair Scholar '17
  MEng, Aerospace Engineering, University of Manchester
  Manchester, UK

- Ahlasan '18 Nigeria
  Al Ghurair Scholar '17
  MEng, Mechanical Engineering, University of Warwick
  Warwick, UK

- Aminah Salama '18 Egypt
  Al Ghurair Scholar '17
  MEng, Biomedical Engineering, Imperial College London
  London, UK
Farah Shamout's meteoric rise as an academic has seen her grow from a budding student enrolled at NYU Abu Dhabi to a Rhodes Scholar completing a PhD at the University of Oxford, and finally coming back full circle to where she started her university career.

Just three years after graduating from NYUAD with a Bachelor of Engineering, Shamout finds herself back on campus on a first name basis with the faculty she called professors just a few years ago, and conducting exciting research in machine learning in the health sector.

The decision to come back to an environment she knows fosters research and learning was easy, but the Rhodes Scholar is driven deeper by a desire to have a larger impact in an environment that prioritizes faculty work. Her research will work closely with entities around the region to help develop solutions in the health sector. She has found endless support in NYUAD in research facilities and faculty.

“In the Arab world in general, all the doctors I’ve spoken to here are excited about research. You can meet doctors who think that the risks of AI outweigh its benefits and they won’t be excited at all. The culture here is more open to it and I see potential here for my research to grow,” she said.

Being a young researcher in a nascent field will open up the opportunity for her work to have a larger impact. Shamout said, "This is the only place I would have come back to. NYU supports the faculty in a way where you can actually do your research. Faculty in other places are often spending most of their time writing grant proposals, which is something you do here but it isn’t what drives you every day. Here you’re driven by your quality research,” she said.
By the Numbers

Classes 2014–2019

In the past decade, NYU Abu Dhabi has graduated six classes, more than 1,000 students. Selected from pools of thousands of applicants, this talented group of young people came together to forge a unique academic culture, an uncommon capacity to engage with difference, and a robust hope for the future. These graduates caught a global vision, sprawling to more than 90 countries, while building momentum around local impact, with 60 percent of employed graduates working in the UAE.

They championed causes like climate change, education for all, and clean energy.

They investigated global migration at the University of Oxford, supported nation building in Syria, and advocated for the displaced as lawyers.

They pushed the limits of knowledge about bioinformatics, cancer research, and peacemaking.

They told stories about life and art and limits, to new audiences and in new ways.

The choices these alumni make after graduation are a first step toward a more peaceful, cooperative, productive world.

1,078 students
52% female
48% male
Hailing from 115+ countries
speaking 115+ languages
As a research-driven liberal arts institution, students engage in interdisciplinary exploration of pressing issues from climate change to urban planning to cybersecurity. Students select a major or speciality based on a broad foundation of coursework across disciplines. No matter the area of study, all NYUAD students are equipped with the ability to ask good questions, create new knowledge and solutions, and reflect critically on processes and problems.

13% Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- General Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

39% Social Science
- Economics
- Political Science
- Social Research and Public Policy

23% Arts and Humanities
- Arab Crossroads Studies
- Art and Art History
- Film and New Media
- History
- Literature and Creative Writing
- Music
- Philosophy
- Theater
- Visual Arts
- Legal Studies
- Interactive Media

25% Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

Figures in this report are rounded to the nearest whole number; therefore, totals do not always equal 100%.
of graduates are employed, volunteering, in graduate school, a fellowship, or taking a gap year.
The majority of graduates choose to work after graduation, joining organizations around the world to further causes they care about. 

61% Employed

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NYU Abu Dhabi

It starts here, in Abu Dhabi, where they catch the vision, catalyze their growth, and engage deeply with difference. Equipped with a way to think about the world, global exposure that has tested and tried their existing frameworks, and valuable skills to offer, students depart seeking problems to solve. First destinations within six months of graduation are self-reported via the First Destinations Survey, as well as via advising data.

5% Seeking

These students are actively searching and assessing opportunities.

6% Volunteer, Fellowship or Gap Year

These students have chosen to engage in a fellowship or gap year experience around the world.

28% Graduate School

Each year many of our students opt to further their study, pressing into research, developing new knowledge, and building skills for professional paths.

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NYU graduates consistently reinvest their time and energy where they studied, with nearly half of employed graduates remaining in the UAE.

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NYU graduates hold jobs in over 66 countries.

Students enrolled in graduate schools across 32 countries.

70% of NYU graduates pursuing further education were accepted to two or more programs.

30%  Graduate Placements

NYU Abu Dhabi students enrolled in graduate schools across 32 countries.

2014 – 2019

Volunteer, Fellowship or Gap Year

Seeking

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6%
Destinations

Since Graduation

Placement By Division

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*Represents students that are performing a fellowship; volunteering; taking a gap year; or seeking employment. Figures represent outcomes of students with primary and secondary majors in each division.

Home Region vs. Post-Graduate Destination

Where they are from versus where they are now

Many from the region stay, and many others adopt it as home.

63% of graduate destinations were outside their home country*

Top Destination Countries

Whether for work or graduate school, where did they go?

90 Post-Graduate Country Destinations

- Republic of Korea: 21%
- Australia: 2%
- France: 2%
- Canada: 3%
- China: 7%
- UK: 21%
- US: 32%
- UAE: 32%
Employment
Classes 2014–2019

Top Countries of Employment
Top 6 of 66 countries where graduates are employed

Mean Annual Base Salary (AED)

BY INDUSTRY

Education, Scientific Research 24%
Consulting 15%
Finance and Banking 12%
Technology 10%
Government, Law, Military 8%
Arts, Advertising, PR 7%
Social Impact, Non-profit, Social Research 6%
Construction, Manufacturing, Real Estate 5%
Media, Journalism, Publishing 5%
Consumer Products, Retail 3%
Energy, Aviation, Transportation 3%
Hospitality, Healthcare 2%

SELECTED ORGANIZATIONS
NYU Abu Dhabi graduates are making an impact at over 300 organizations globally, including:

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
Abu Dhabi, UAE
ExxonMobil
Budapest, Hungary
Booz Allen Hamilton
Abu Dhabi, UAE
Google
California, US
J. Walter Thompson
London, UK
Rakuten
Tokyo, Japan
Deloitte
New York, US
The Boston Consulting Group
Ho Chih Minh, Vietnam
Clifford Chance
London, UK
CNN
Abu Dhabi, UAE
JP Morgan
New York, US
UBER
Nairobi, Kenya
Citi
Dublin, Ireland

CAREER PREPARATION

82% of students held at least one internship
32% of internships led to jobs
= 2,861 work experiences

BACK TO SCHOOL

96% of all employed graduates plan to pursue graduate school in the next 5 years

Data not adjusted for cost of living differences. Data only includes regions with more than 4 data points.
Employment in the UAE

60% of employed alumni in the UAE work in Abu Dhabi

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Graduates work at 122 companies in the UAE

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TEST SCORES
Standardized tests form a key part of the recruitment process for further education globally.

GRE VERBAL
Average Score 161 (88%)
Max. Score 170 (99%)

GRE QUANTITATIVE
Average Score 163 (79%)
Max. Score 170 (96%)

MCAT
Average Score 512 (85%)
Max. Score 521 (99%)

LSAT
Average Score 164 (90%)
Max. Score 180 (100%)

BY DEGREE
The majority of alumni who chose to go to graduate school pursued a Masters of Science or PhD.

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<td>PhD</td>
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<td>Masters</td>
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<td>Master of Art</td>
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<td>Medical</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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BY DISCIPLINE
About a third of alumni in graduate school pursued further study in the STEM fields.

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TOP COUNTRIES OF ENROLLMENT
Students enrolled in graduate schools across 32 countries.

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SELECTED SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS ATTENDED
70% of NYUAD graduates pursuing further education were accepted to two or more programs.

- Columbia University
  - PhD, Sociology
- Georgetown University
  - JD, Law
- University of Oxford
  - Master of Public Policy
- Sciences Po
  - PhD, Marine Biology
- Stanford University
  - PhD, Civil Engineering
- Yale University
  - JD, Law
- Imperial College London
  - MRes, Drug Discovery and Development
- Ludwig Maximilian University
  - PhD, Neurophilosophy
- Brown University
  - MFA, Literary Arts
- ETH Zurich
  - MSc, Neural Systems and Computation
- McGill University
  - MA, Religious Studies
- University of Cambridge
  - LLM, Law
- Delft University of Technology
  - MS, Architecture, Urbanism and Building Sciences
- Duke-NUS Medical School
  - MD, Medicine
- London School of Economics and Political Science
  - MS, Social Policy and Development
- New York University
  - MBA, Business Administration
- Princeton University
  - PhD, Comparative Literature
- Harvard University
  - MSc, Data Science
- Kings College London
  - MSc, Health Psychology
- Washington University
  - PhD, Human and Statistical Genetics
- Rhode Island School of Design
  - MHD, Industrial Design
- University of Pennsylvania
  - PhD, Cell and Molecular Biology
Alumni Globetrotters

01  Tom Klein ’18  Jocilyn Estes ’19  enjoying a beautiful summer day in Washington D.C. with current students
02  Andrea Chung ’18  Marie-Claude Hypko ’18  Kamilya Issaliyeva ’18  celebrating a fellow classmate’s wedding in France
03  Araz Aslanian ’19  traveled to Japan for a conference and met up with a fellow alumna
04  Laine Merkste ’18  Violeta Ivanovska ’18  diving into adventure in Thailand
06  Rastra Raj Bhandari ’19  Peter Hadvab ’18  Rastra bumped into Peter in Slovakia as he cycles through Europe
07  Adam El-Sayigh ’18  Leslie Gray ’19  exploring Italy together
08  Liza Tait-Bailey ’17  Annalisa Galgano ’17  on their trip to Greece
09  Brooke Hopkins ’18  Mario Zapata Encinas ’18  enjoying their time in Mexico
10  Daniel Carelli ’18  Jhamal Fanning ’18  Zane Mountcastle ’18  Alejandro Mora ’18  Vivi Kawai ’18  James Smoley ’18  zipped over to Costa Rica for a reunion