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QATAR RESEARCH RESOURCE GUIDE

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GENERAL SUGGESTIONS:

- Photo identification is needed at most research centers.
- Qatari weekends are Friday and Saturday.
- Some institutions have a dress code; dress appropriately as a sign of respect for the local Qatari culture.

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UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOLARLY FOUNDATIONS

- Calgary University
- Carnegie Mellon
- Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University
- College of North Atlantic

- Georgetown University Library
- Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service
- Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University
- HEC Paris
- Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- Northwestern University
- Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies
- Qatar National Library
- Qatar University
- Stenden University
- Texas A&M University
- The Brookings Institute
- University College London
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Weill-Cornell University

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL STUDIES

- **Location**: Education City, Georgetown University
- **Operating hours**: Sunday-Thursday: 9am-5pm
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Phone: +974-4457-8400
- **Website**: https://cirs.georgetown.edu
- **Resources & Notes**:

  Established in 2005, the Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) at Georgetown University in Qatar is a premier research institute devoted to the academic study of regional and international issues through dialogue and exchange of ideas, research and scholarship, and engagement with national and international scholars, opinion-makers, practitioners, and activists.

  CIRS sponsors major initiatives of regional and international significance, provides fellowship opportunities to qualified scholars, and provides grants to researchers studying issues related to the Middle East and North Africa. CIRS also publishes various types of research

throughout the academic year. The CIRS Publications Series includes Books, Summary Reports (in English and Arabic), Occasional Papers, Asia Papers, Annual Reports, Newsletters, and Briefs. Through its publications, CIRS provides in-depth examination of ideas and issues of contemporary academic and political significance.

GULF STUDIES CENTER

- **Location**: Qatar University, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Operating hours**:
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Phone: (+974) 4403-4980 | E-Mail: gulfstudiescenter@qu.edu.qa
- **Website**: http://www.qu.edu.qa/research/gulfstudies-center
- **Resources & Notes**:

  The Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences at Qatar University is the world's first to focus exclusively on the Gulf within the region itself. The Center is committed to advancing cutting-edge research and scholarship on the Gulf region. The Gulf Studies Center encompasses three core research areas, including: Politics and Security, Energy and Economics, and Social Issues. Each of the areas is coordinated under the leadership of a research coordinator and directs a number of interdisciplinary research clusters. As the Gulf States emerge as major international players, there is a growing need for in-depth research and scholarship on the Gulf. The Center also hosts a number of conferences and research events in collaboration with other regional and international partners. These partnerships bring new perspectives and assist in creating a growing body and network of scholars with expertise on the Gulf region.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- **Location**: Education City, Georgetown University
- **Operating hours**: Sunday – Wednesday: 8am - 10:45pm | Thursday: 8am - 7pm | Friday: Closed | Saturday: 3pm - 10:45pm
- **What to bring**: Photo ID

- **Contact details**: Phone: +974-4457-8280 | Email: guqlibrary@georgetown.edu
- **Website**: https://www.library.georgetown.edu/qatar/home
- **Resources & Notes**:

  Georgetown University library advances and supports the learning, teaching, and research goals of students and faculty at Georgetown while also serving as a resource for the entire Qatar community. Primarily focused on international relations, political science, history, economics, languages & literature, philosophy and theology, the library's collections comprise over 80,000 physical items - print volumes, DVDs, maps & atlases, microforms, and periodicals. The library also offers access to a much larger collection of e-books, e-journals, online databases, streaming media, and other electronic resources in conjunction with Georgetown's main campus libraries in Washington, DC. The Library provides flexible and varied spaces to encourage individual or collaborative reading, study, and research, it is also equipped with the latest technologies and software to assist you in accessing information and preparing research papers and presentations.

MATHAF: ARAB MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

- **Location**: Education City
- **Operating hours**: Saturday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Friday: 1:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Phone: +974 4402 8855 or +974 4402 8830
- **Website**: http://www.mathaf.org.qa/en/
- **Resources & Notes**:

  Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art houses a unique world-class collection of modern and contemporary art from the Arab world and its cultural and historical connection. The Permanent collection, regular programme of temporary exhibitions and associated activities make Mathaf a stimulating experience for all ages. When you have enjoyed the many fascinating works of art, there is also the cafe, gift shop and library.

MUSEUM OF ISLAMIC ART

- **Location**: Corniche
- **Operating hours**: Saturday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Friday: 1:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Phone: +97444224444
- **Website**: http://www.mia.org.qa/en/
- **Resources & Notes**:

  The Museum of Islamic Art represents Islamic art from three continents over 1,400 years. MIA is the flagship of Qatar Museums, under the leadership of its Chairperson H.E. Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

  MIA sheds light on Qatar's origins to illuminate Qatar's future. Through safeguarding masterpiece collections of Islamic art and showcasing extraordinary exhibitions, MIA shares knowledge, spreading curiosity, understanding, and joy.

  There is also an MIA gift shop, café and park to enhance your experience. As courtesy to the Qatari Culture, visitors are advised to dress modestly.

QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY

- **Location**: Education City
- **Operating hours**: Saturday-Thursday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM | Fridays: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Phone: +974 4454 0100 | Email: qnl@qnl.qa
- **Website**: https://www.qnl.qa/en
- **Resources & Notes**:

  Qatar National Library has a large selection of books, articles, and multimedia for children, young adults, parents, educators, and researchers. It is a child-friendly library where there is a designated area for children, as well as reading and study areas, public computers, and a cafeteria. The library also accommodates people with disabilities by providing large-print books, audiobooks and books in braille and much more. QNL has a Heritage library which includes a lot of archives, historical photography, early Arabic printing, manuscripts, globes, traveler's instruments and tools and much more. In addition to full-text online resources, the

Library currently has more than one million books in its collections, along with more than 500,000 ebooks, periodicals and newspapers, and special collections. QNL librarians are experts in teaching, research skills, literacy, programs and knowledge management and are always available for help.

SHEIKH FAISAL BIN QASSIM AL THANI MUSEUM

- **Location**: Al Samriya, 22km west of Doha
  just beyond Mall Of Qatar
- **Operating hours**: Sunday:9:00 am – 4:00 pmMonday - Thursday:9:00 am – 4:30 pmFriday:2:00 pm – 7:00 pmSaturday:10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Tel: +974 4486 1444 | Email: info@fbqmuseum.org
- **Website**: https://fbqmuseum.org/fbq-museum
- **Resources & Notes**: The Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum's (FBQ Museum) collection was developed throughout decades of dedicated and enthusiastic collecting of a diverse and eclectic body of works, spanning from the Jurassic age through to the early Islamic period and up to the present day, across four themes: Islamic Art, Qatar Heritage, Vehicles, and Coins & Currency. The Museum tells the story not only of the history of the Qatari people, but also of Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani himself. His extensive international travel is represented with eclectic pieces from over 4 continents. This intensely personal collection is a journey through place and time. The FBQ Museum is a valuable resource for scholars, educational institutions and schools, as well as a tourist destination in its own right. Tickets can be purchased at the museum's entrance, Children and Teens (under 18): free and Adults (18 and above): QR 20

THE BROOKINGS DOHA CENTER

- **Location**: Saha 43, Bldg. 63
- **Operating hours**: Sunday-Thursday: 9am – 5pm
- **What to bring**: Photo ID
- **Contact details**: Phone: 44227800

- **Website**: https://www.brookings.edu/center/brookings-doha-center/
- **Resources & Notes**:

  The Brookings Doha Center (BDC) is an overseas center of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. As a hub for Brookings scholarship in the region, the BDC advances high-quality, independent research and policy analysis on the Middle East and North Africa. In pursuing its mission, the BDC undertakes field-oriented research and programming that addresses and informs regional and international policy discussions, engaging key elements of governments, businesses, civil society, the media, and academia on four key areas:

  i. International relations in the Middle East.
  ii. Regional Security and domestic stability.
  iii. Inclusive growth and equality of opportunity.
  iv. Governance reform and state-society relations