

More Than 100 AUBH Students Conclude 2025-2026 Summer Internships

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More than 100 students from the American University of Bahrain (AUBH) have completed their summer internship programs for the 2025-2026 academic year, reflecting AUBH's commitment to equipping graduates with the specialist knowledge, practical experience, and professional capabilities required to succeed in an evolving job market.

This year, students completed placements with a diverse group of prominent organizations across Bahrain, including Al Salam Bank, Gulf Air, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), Beyon, Racing Force, Talabat, Benefit, Bahrain Airport Company, ASRY, Khaleeji Bank, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), Investcorp, and Bapco Energies, among others.

AUBH's Career Center worked closely with the participating organizations to identify placements suited to each student's academic background and



professional interests. Participants represented a range of disciplines, including computer science, finance, management, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, multimedia, and more, providing them with exposure to career opportunities

across several of Bahrain's key industries.

Dr. Amal Alwaadhi, Dean of Students at the American University of Bahrain, highlighted the importance of internships in ensuring that students graduate with both a strong academic

foundation and relevant workplace experience.

"At AUBH, learning extends beyond the classroom. We want our students to test their knowledge, take on meaningful responsibilities, and develop their capabilities within professional environ-



ments. This year, more than 100 students had the opportunity to work on assignments and projects related to their fields of study, giving them valuable insight into their chosen industries and strengthening their readiness for employment," Dr. Alawadhi said.

"We are grateful to our partner organizations for welcoming our students and investing their time and expertise in their develop-

ment. Their support gives young talent the opportunity to learn directly from industry professionals and better understand what will be expected of them after graduation. Such collaboration is essential to maintaining a close connection between higher education and the job market, while developing professionals who can contribute effectively across Bahrain's economy," she added.

INJAZ Bahrain and Bahrain EDB Launch Second Edition of EconoQuesters Program



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INJAZ Bahrain has concluded the second edition of the EconoQuesters Program, delivered in collaboration with the Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB).

The four-week programme brought together 12 INJAZ alumni in their third and fourth years of university. Participants were divided into three teams and tasked with assessing Bahrain's performance in a selected priority sector. They examined the Kingdom's competitiveness within the region and developed practical recommendations based on their research.

The programme was designed to give students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real-world challenge. Throughout the four weeks, participants worked closely with mentors

from Bahrain EDB. Each team also had an external mentor who provided additional guidance and challenged them to look at their ideas from different perspectives.

Participants also took part in two Presenting With Impact workshops, which helped strengthen their presentation skills and build confidence ahead of the final presentations.

H.H. Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairperson of INJAZ Bahrain, said: "It has been inspiring to see our alumni take on this challenge with such commitment and curiosity. Programmes like this give young people the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice, explore real issues and develop their own ideas. We are grateful to Bahrain EDB and all the mentors who supported the students throughout the programme and helped make this a valuable

learning experience."

H.E. Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, commented: "Investing in Bahrain's young talent is a key pillar of the Kingdom's long-term development. Through our ongoing partnership with INJAZ Bahrain, we are helping equip the next generation with the skills, confidence and perspective needed to contribute to Bahrain's continued progress. Programmes such as EconoQuesters provide students with practical exposure to Bahrain's economic priorities and encourage them to apply their ideas to real-world challenges."

The programme culminated in final presentations, where the three teams presented their findings and recommendations to a judging panel. The winning team

was announced following the presentations.

The second edition of the EconoQuesters Programme reflects INJAZ Bahrain's commitment to providing young people with practical learning opportunities that complement their academic studies. By connecting students with mentors and real-world challenges, the organisation continues to help young Bahrainis build the skills, confidence and experience they need for their future careers.

The collaboration with Bahrain EDB also provides participants with greater exposure to Bahrain's economic priorities and the factors shaping the Kingdom's competitiveness. It gives students a valuable opportunity to engage with professionals and gain a deeper understanding of how their ideas can contribute to Bahrain's future.

Youth Explore Possibilities

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The Capital Governorate concluded its summer activity programmes, organised in cooperation with sports clubs and youth centres, with the participation of around 1,500 students. The programmes featured sports, cultural, educational, recreational and awareness activities aimed at developing skills, nurturing talents and providing young people with a safe and stimulating environment during the summer vacation.

Capital Governor His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Hamoud

Al Khalifa praised the programmes' success and strong participation, saying they provided young people with opportunities to spend their free time positively while gaining new skills and knowledge and strengthening teamwork, initiative and social responsibility. This year's programmes also included activities focused on innovation and entrepreneurship, coinciding with Manama being selected as the Arab Youth Entre-



preneurs Capital for 2026.

Shaikh Khalid affirmed that the Capital Governorate would continue supporting initiatives aimed at empowering young people and developing their capabilities and

skills. He also thanked the participating sports clubs, youth centres and organisers for their efforts in preparing and implementing the programmes and for their cooperation in ensuring their success.

Humanoid Robots

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Spending on humanoid robots is no longer just a race to have the latest tech; it has become an economic bet on the future of production and work. Between the cost of buying, maintaining, and updating a robot, and the potential gains from increased productivity and reduced reliance on human labor, a complex economic equation is formed.

The future of humanoid robots won't just be defined by their ability to mimic humans; it will also be defined by their ability to prove their economic viability. The global robot market is expected to reach around \$5 trillion in the long term by 2050. By that time, the number of humanoid robots used

worldwide could reach nearly one billion robots.

Furthermore, AI foundation models, simulation environments, synthetic data, and specialized learning techniques such as reinforcement learning and imitation learning are used to train robots to perform tasks like grasping objects or navigating obstacles in different scenes.

Current humanoids have problems with energy autonomy, stability, and reliability outside controlled environments.

Moving across uneven terrain, reacting to unforeseen situations, or correctly distinguishing between combatants and civilians continues to pose technical and legal difficulties.

Arbitration Experts Join Second Edition of Hawar Circle



Reza Mohtashami, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), participated in the second edition of the "Hawar Circle," alongside leading international arbitration professionals. Philippe Pinsolle, Judge at the Bahrain International Commercial Court (BICC), also participated in the forum, which brought together arbitration practitioners from Bahrain and several countries to discuss immunity, ethics and the right of representation. The three-day gathering aims to strengthen international dialogue and contribute to the further development of the Hawar Principles for fair and effective dispute resolution.