

Intern earns honour for clinical excellence

Award based on peer feedback

- Dr. Alansari trained at BDF
- Assessed via MSF process
- RCSI hosts celebration event

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RCSI Bahrain has recognised a rising star in the Kingdom's healthcare sector, naming Dr Sharefa Alansari as the recipient of its prestigious 2025 Intern Award.

The honour was presented following a comprehensive peer evaluation and reflects Alansari's professionalism, clinical competence, and commitment to patient-centred care.

Dr Alansari completed her internship at the Royal Medical Services – Bahrain Defence Force Hospital, where her mentors and colleagues commended her proactive learning approach and attention to detail. Her work during the placement earned high praise across all evaluation areas, including patient interaction and medical decision-making.



The award ceremony

Celebrating excellence

The annual Intern Award is determined through a rigorous Multi-Source Feedback (MSF) process that collects input from consultants, residents, and peers. These assessments are reviewed by the university's Quality Enhancement Office to ensure a balanced and equitable evaluation.

Reflecting on her experience,

Dr Alansari said the internship environment had helped her grow both professionally and personally. "My internship provided me with unlimited opportunities to learn," she said. "Being given responsibility instilled in me the discipline to be thorough and meticulous with the smallest details concerning each patient I encountered."

She advised future interns to take full advantage of their clinical year. "Learn as much as

possible, explore every opportunity and be as proactive as you possibly can," she said.

University mission

RCSI Bahrain held a celebratory event to mark the occasion, attended by senior faculty including Professor Alfred Nicholson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Head of the School of Medicine; Professor Naji Alamuddin, Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the

School of Medicine; Dr Nichola McLarnon, Head of Quality and Academic Development; and Ms Sawsan Jahromi, Alumni Coordinator.

Professor Nicholson noted that the award winner embodied the values that RCSI seeks to instil in its students. "Her dedication to patient care and her continuous pursuit of development during her internship year embody the essence of the University's mission," he said. "We

wish Dr Alansari continued success in her career progression."

Alumni impact

With a growing network of more than 3,500 graduates, RCSI Bahrain continues to support its alumni through its Careers and Alumni Office, empowering future medical professionals to make a difference in Bahrain and beyond.

Dr Alansari's achievement highlights not only individual excellence but also the strength of Bahrain's medical training ecosystem, which remains a key pillar in the Kingdom's long-term healthcare development strategy



Multi-Source Feedback (MSF) is widely used in medical education globally to assess communication, professionalism, and teamwork among trainees.

EazyPay enables Tamara payments

Deal finalised on Wednesday

- Tamara partners with EazyPay
- EazyPay becomes local acquirer
- Focus on seamless transactions

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Eazy Financial Services has signed a strategic partner-



Officials during a group photo opportunity

ship with Tamara to become the regional fintech's official local acquirer in Bahrain, strengthening Bahrain's position as a key payments enabler in the Gulf's rapidly expanding Buy Now, Pay Later sector.

Announced during a signing ceremony on Wednesday, the deal will see EazyPay provide

Tamara with secure payment gateway services to process transactions across its growing network of merchants and customers in the GCC.

Fintech synergy

Nayef Tawfiq Al Alawi, Founder and CEO of EazyPay, said the partnership reflects the value

of fintech collaboration in creating faster and more reliable payment experiences.

"Tamara has rapidly become a key player in how consumers across the region choose to pay, particularly with the rise of BNPL models. By supporting their platform with our payment gateway services, we're enabling

a smoother, faster, and more reliable experience for merchants and customers alike," he said.

The collaboration is also seen as an example of how homegrown Bahraini fintech infrastructure is powering cross-border solutions in the region.

Faris Al-Obaid, CEO and Vice Chairman of Tamara Bahrain

B.S.C., described the partnership as a pivotal step in Tamara's MENA growth ambitions.

"EazyPay, a leader in payment solutions, will not only serve as our local acquirer but also as a key strategic partner for our growing operations in Bahrain," he said. "We are confident that EazyPay's local expertise and strong infrastructure will help us achieve our shared goals and promote financial inclusivity in the Kingdom."

Digital momentum

The agreement reflects EazyPay's continued push to strengthen the regional digital payments ecosystem by forging strategic fintech alliances.

By combining Tamara's consumer-facing BNPL model with EazyPay's backend infrastructure, both firms aim to create a more seamless commerce experience for businesses and shoppers across the Gulf.

The story of this deal underscores Bahrain's emerging role in the region's next phase of digital financial growth.



Buy Now, Pay Later usage in the GCC grew by more than 50 percent year-on-year in 2024, driven largely by Gen Z and millennial consumers.