

# Universities Sign Pact on Exchange Programmes

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Qatar University (QU) has signed an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, to establish a framework to explore future collaboration.

At the signing ceremony yesterday, QU president Prof Sheikhha Abdulla al-Misnad and director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's International Institute and dean of the Division of International Studies Prof Gilles Bousquet discussed the potential benefits of the partnership for faculty and students of both institutions.



Prof Bousquet and Prof Sheikhha Abdulla al-Misnad exchange documents after signing the agreement.

“We envisage that such collaboration would be beneficial to both sides. It will facilitate faculty connecting with each other on subjects of mutual interest,” Prof Bousquet said, adding: “For our students, it will offer opportunities for them to relate to their peers from this alongside them in areas that would be of common interest such as education, human and social sciences, health, and environment.”

The QU president said: “Through this framework, we will explore the possibility of collaboration in terms of research, programme development and student and faculty exchanges. We have opened the door and are making a commitment that would facilitate many areas and levels by which we can work together.”

Following the signing, Prof Bousquet delivered a lecture to QU staff, faculty and students on the subject “Beyond internationalisation: The twenty-first century global university.”

The lecture was organised by QU Department of English Literature and Linguistics and co-sponsored by QU's International Affairs Programme, Department of Mass Communication and Information Science, College of Education, and Department of Health Sciences.