

NYU Abu Dhabi signs MoU with Health Dept

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New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) has signed an inaugural Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Health – Abu Dhabi (DoH). The two organizations are collaborating on NYUAD's UAE Healthy Future study, a long-term ongoing study that was launched by the NYUAD Public Health Research Center in 2017, to understand the causes of common chronic diseases among Emiratis, focusing particularly on priority areas of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. The study aims to recruit 20,000 UAE nationals between the ages of 18-40 with over 5,000 participants already signed up to date.

The MOU was signed by H.E. Mohamed Hamad Al Hameli, Undersecretary of DOH, and Fabio Piano, Provost of NYU Abu Dhabi, at the University's campus on Saadiyat Island.

The collaboration will support the mission shared between the two organizations to improve the health of the local population. The results of the UAE Healthy Future Study will be significantly improved by linking the participants' results with data collected by the DoH. Furthermore, the study will also work closely with DoH to collect additional information on the participants' diets, a key risk factor for obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.