

# Al Qasimi Foundation

## UAE

The Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research was established in 2009 to aid in the social, cultural, and economic development of Ras Al Khaimah, a northern emirate in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Established through Emiri decree by His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, UAE Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, the Foundation conducts in-house research, while further providing research grants, student scholarships, and hosting events to support the community.

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To support its operations, AQF receives its budget for its research, programmatic activities, and events from the Ras Al Khaimah Government. It further diversifies its streams of income through partnerships with local and international actors.

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AQF focuses on developing local capacity in the public sector by creating programs that increase participation and employability in the region, including through student programs, the Ras Al Khaimah Teachers Network, and research grants.

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AQF has committed to creating open-access material and sharing resources, ranging from the bilingual, open-access Gulf Education and Social Policy Review (GESPR) to the publication of annual reports, policy papers, strategies, and blogs online.

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AQF has dedicated teams that drive inclusive community programming, including through the annual Ras Al Khaimah Art Festival, the Gulf Comparative Education Society (GCES), the Art Exploration Program, and the Majlis series.

### AQF's Impact

The Foundation has expanded its priority areas to include health and wellness, urban and community development, and arts and culture.

Signature initiatives include competitive international research grants, teacher and student professional development programs, and the annual Ras Al Khaimah Art Festival.

Through research-driven policymaking, AQF disburses scholarships and grants, while identifying opportunities to make knowledge generated more accessible to the local community.

### AQF's SLOW Journey

AQF seeks to ground policy decisions firmly in relevant bodies of research as well as the local Ras Al Khaimah and UAE contexts.

To this end, AQF serves as a bridge between the research and policymaking communities—bringing to scholars' attention public policy questions essential to Ras Al Khaimah and, in turn, disseminating research findings to promote innovative policy tools and models that will impact positive social change.

AQF is the founder and a member of the SLOW Philanthropy network!

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