



GLOBAL
STUDIES
UNIVERSITY

جامعة
الدراسات
العالمية

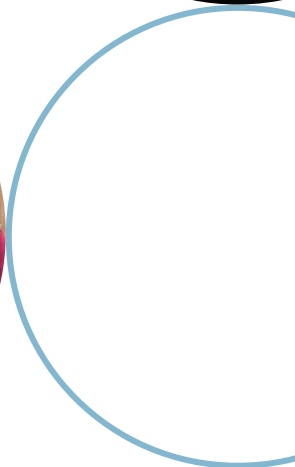
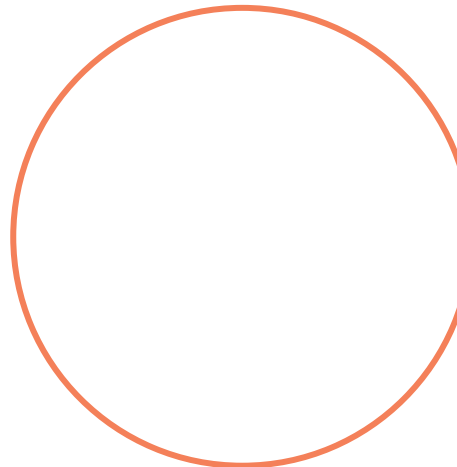
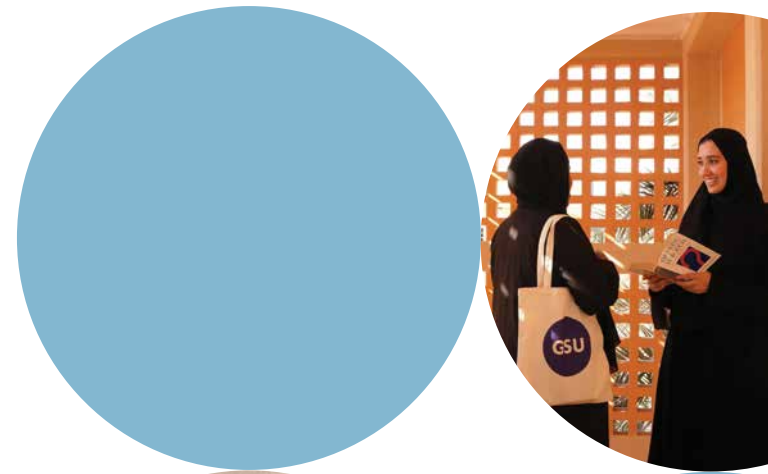
Partnerships, Professional Growth & Career Opportunities

Office of Career Placement
& Alumni Affairs



gsu.ac.ae

Global Studies University



Global Studies University is a postgraduate research and teaching institution specializing in the humanities and social sciences, dedicated to training the next generation of critical thinkers. Decreed in 2023 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, GSU advances interdisciplinary teaching and research that address pressing local and global challenges.

Envisioned as a network of semi-independent yet interconnected regional institutes, GSU builds on the success of The Africa Institute (2018) and is in the process of expanding to include the Asia Institute and future institutes across the Americas, Europe, and Oceania. Together, they form a global hub for knowledge production and postgraduate training, with a strong emphasis on non-Western languages, interdisciplinary inquiry, and critical engagement with the Global South.



مؤسسة الاعتماد الأكاديمي
Commission for Academic Accreditation

Accreditation and Licensure

Global Studies University is institutionally licensed and accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA), a division of the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR). GSU is expanding its international reach through additional accreditations, reflecting its commitment to global excellence.

Our History



The Africa Institute, the cornerstone of GSU, traces its origins to December 1976, when Sharjah hosted the first Symposium on African and Arab Relations. Organized under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi, 45 African and Arab intellectuals convened to discuss strengthening ties between Africa and the Arab world. Among the key recommendations was the creation of an institute dedicated to the study, documentation and advancement of Afro-Arab relations in Sharjah.

The original Africa Hall, inaugurated in 1976, became a vital venue for symposia, lectures, and cultural exchange, and remains an important part of GSU's campus today.

Building on this legacy, The Africa Institute was formally established on June 6, 2018, as a center for research, documentation, and postgraduate education in African and African diaspora studies. In 2023, following the Emiri decree, it became the first constituent institute within Global Studies University.

Today, The Africa Institute is recognized globally as a leading center for African and diaspora studies. Situated in the Gulf, a historical nexus of Afro-Arab exchange, the Institute fosters interdisciplinary collaboration within GSU and with partners worldwide, shaping new paradigms in African and global studies.



Vision

GSU aims to establish itself as a leading global studies institution recognized worldwide for its excellence in teaching, research, and documentation. Situated in the Gulf region, GSU seeks to transcend traditional area studies and continental thinking frameworks by pioneering critical, interconnected, and interdisciplinary paradigms that redefine global studies.

Mission

GSU's mission is to serve as a hub for critical engagement in global studies within the arts, humanities, and social sciences, producing new knowledge and nurturing the next generation of critical thinkers to address global complexities and interconnectedness through knowledge production and postgraduate training. GSU is conceived as a multi-institute entity focusing on Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe, Oceania, and other key regions of the world.

About the Office of Career Placement & Alumni Affairs



At GSU, the Office of Career Placement & Alumni Affairs prepares postgraduate students in the humanities and social sciences to become career-ready, globally competent leaders.

Graduates are trained as well-rounded critical thinkers, capable of addressing complex global challenges through rigorous research, interdisciplinary inquiry, and applied problem-solving. They bring analytical, cross-cultural, and research-driven expertise to professional settings, making them highly effective in internships, collaborative projects, and early- or mid-career roles.

The Office connects students with partner organizations through structured, high-impact internships, research collaborations, and career opportunities, providing access to highly qualified postgraduate talent prepared to support institutional objectives.

Building Futures Together

GSU works collaboratively with academic partners, employers, and cultural organizations at the local, regional, and international levels to develop sustainable pathways for internships, research collaborations, and future employment.

Through these partnerships, organizations gain direct access to outstanding GSU talent, supported with coordinated engagement from our Office of Career Placement & Alumni Affairs.

Engage With Our Students



1. Talent Visibility & Branding

GSU prepares postgraduate students enrolled in:

MA in Global African Studies

- Museum and Critical Heritage Studies
- Diplomacy and Africa's International Relations
- Afro-Arab Relations

Ph.D. in Global Studies

- Cultural, Visual, and Literary Studies
- Historical, Political, and Social Studies

Partnering with GSU provides organizations with access to a diverse, globally minded talent pool, supporting institutional capacity-building and workforce development.

2. Internship & Career Placement Program

GSU collaborates with organizations to offer structured, high-impact internships, research projects, teaching assignments, and mentorship opportunities that advance both student development and organizational objectives.

Opportunities include:

- MA students: internships and potential future employment opportunities
- Ph.D. candidates: research or teaching assistantships

These engagements enable organizations to leverage graduates' analytical, research-driven, and cross-cultural expertise. Successful internships and assistantships often lead to long-term recruitment, connecting highly qualified graduates who are already familiar with organizational priorities, workflows, and cross-cultural collaboration.

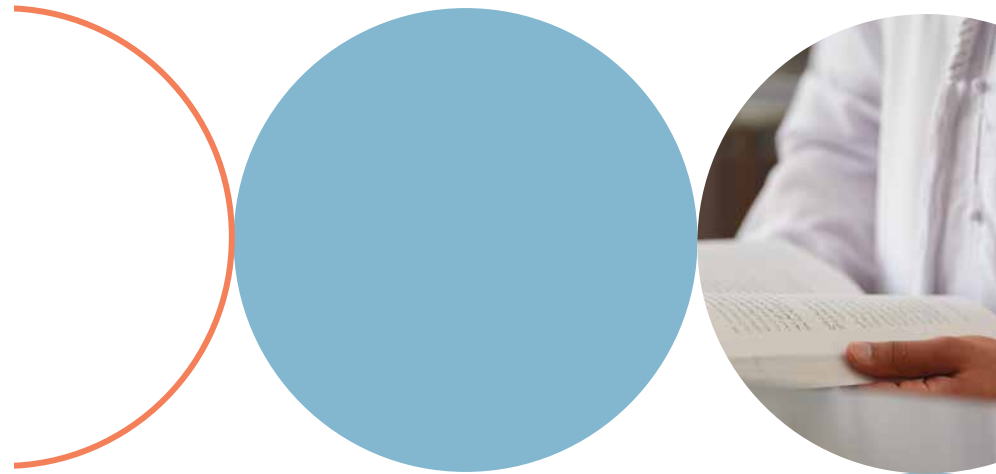
3. Student Engagement Opportunities

GSU offers partner organizations opportunities to engage directly with postgraduate students through tailored activities that identify qualified talent, including:

- Targeted networking sessions
- Participation in career-focused events
- Engagement with student cohorts aligned to specific sectors or disciplines

These initiatives provide visibility within the GSU community and enable early identification of candidates capable of contributing to organizational objectives.

What Makes a Global Studies University Graduate Different



GSU students distinguish themselves through:

- **Interdisciplinary expertise:** Graduates analyze global, cultural, and historical issues through frameworks that transcend disciplinary boundaries and traditional area studies paradigms.
- **Language proficiency and regional literacy:** Each student completes three semesters of coursework in a chosen non-Western language, including Arabic, Amharic, Kiswahili, or Hausa to strengthen research capacity, communication skills, and cultural understanding.
- **Research-driven and analytical skills:** Graduates apply rigorous research to generate insights, inform organizational projects, and provide actionable solutions.
- **Global perspective with applied focus:** Exposure to critical thematic fields, including African-Arab Relations, Intellectual Thought, Diaspora, Gender Studies and Feminist Futures, Political Economy, the Indian Ocean World, and the Muslim World, equips graduates to contribute immediately to initiatives requiring nuanced cultural understanding and global awareness.
- **Hands-on experience:** Structured internships, research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and fieldwork translate academic rigor into practical organizational impact.
- **Early and mid-career readiness:** Graduates include students entering the workforce directly as well as those with prior professional experience, offering both fresh perspectives and applied expertise.

Partner Engagement & Talent Support Services



1. Talent Recruitment Support

The Office supports partner organizations by:

- Promotion of career opportunities to GSU graduates and alumni
- Coordination of internship placements for M.A. students
- Access to Ph.D. research and teaching assistant opportunities
- Identification of suitable graduates for vacancies aligned with organizational needs

2. Visits to Organizations

GSU facilitates site visits that give students first-hand exposure to organizational operations, including guided tours, overviews of key functions, and guest speaker sessions aligned with students' fields of study, providing practical career insights.

3. Events, Panels & Workshops

GSU invites partner organizations to engage with postgraduate students and alumni through events, panels, and workshops designed for talent discovery and professional networking.

These initiatives enable organizations to:

- Showcase available opportunities
- Engage directly with students and alumni
- Contribute as panelists or guest speakers in academic and career-focused sessions

Such interactions foster early identification of graduates prepared to contribute effectively and support the development of long-term organizational partnerships within the GSU community.

Access Our Postgraduate Talent

Scan the QR code to view our postgraduate student profiles to:

- **Review academic pathways:** coursework, research focus, and thematic expertise
- **Explore scholarly and applied contributions:** publications, research projects, and conference participation
- **Identify career interests and professional experience:** readiness for internships, research collaborations, and organizational initiatives

These profiles showcase the distinction and achievements of GSU postgraduate talent, enabling organizations to identify qualified candidates for internships, research, and professional opportunities.

**MA in
Global African Studies**



**Ph.D. in
Global Studies**



Contact Us

Office of Career Placement & Alumni Affairs
Global Studies University, Al Manakh, Sharjah

studentscareers@gsu.ac.ae
+971 6 511 2 458 | +971 56 408 0920



gsu.ac.ae | theafricainstitute.org