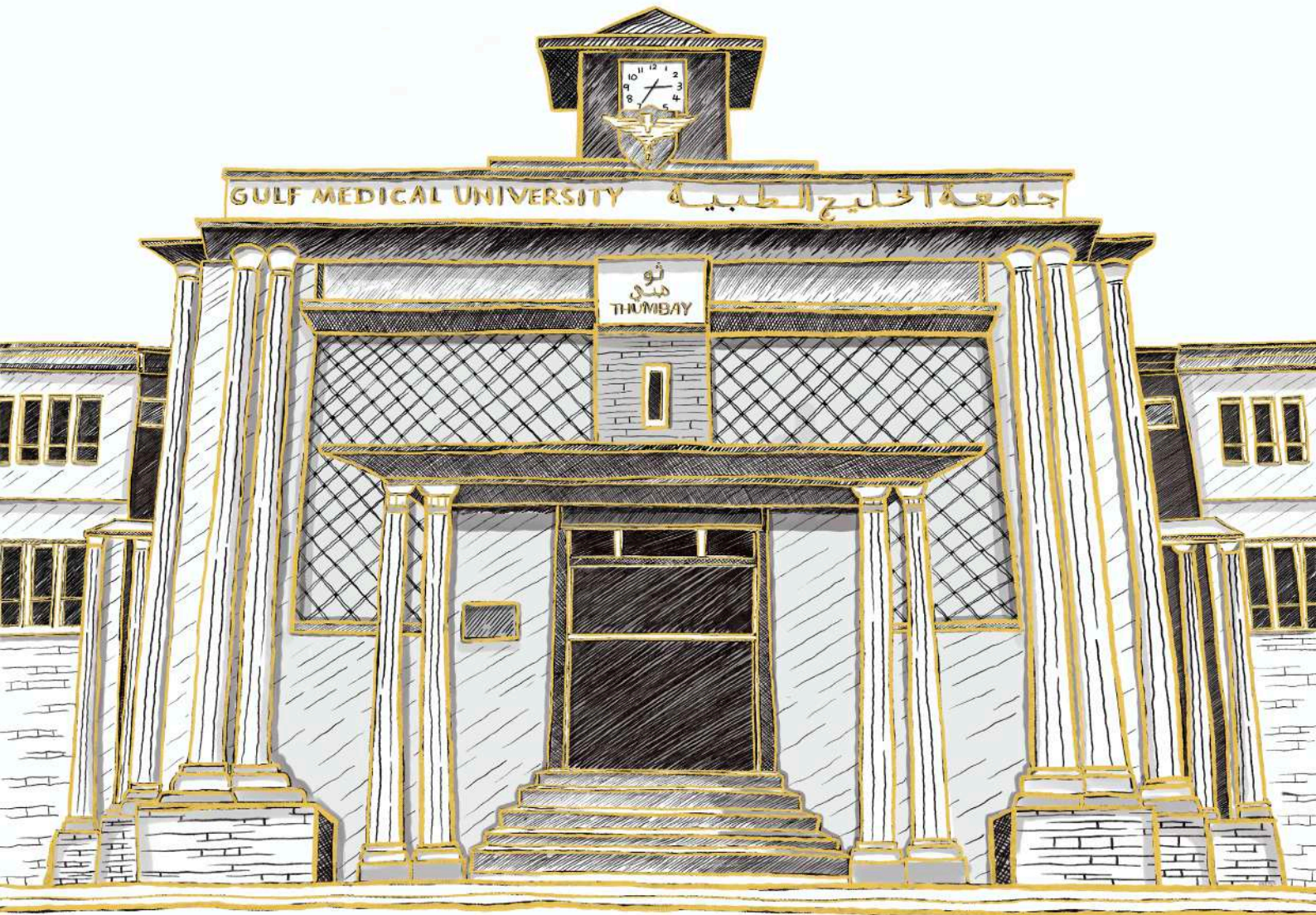




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# Newsletter

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## Dear Esteemed GMU Alumni,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the immense success of the GMU Career Fair 2025 and Industry Partners Meet 2025. Whether as alumni, students, industry partners, or valued guests, your heartfelt dedication and active participation were instrumental in making this event truly remarkable. We also sincerely appreciate the esteemed companies as well as the industry leaders who participated, sharing their knowledge, insights, and wisdom to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Also, GMU, Ajman, once again reinforced its reputation as a leading hub for academic excellence and innovation through the successful hosting of this event. Under the theme “Empowering the Next Generation of Healthcare Leaders,” the fair attracted over 90 prominent healthcare organizations and drew a diverse audience of students, alumni, educators, and industry experts. The event exemplified GMU’s steadfast commitment to bridging the gap between academic training and industry demands, fostering strategic collaborations, and preparing students for future-ready careers.

At the recent Gulf Medical University (GMU) Career Fair and Industry Partners Meet 2025, Thumbay Group announced a major new initiative. The group will allocate three percent of all future job openings within its companies specifically for GMU graduates. This forward-thinking commitment highlights Thumbay Group’s ongoing dedication to nurturing local talent and contributing to the development of the UAE’s healthcare workforce.

Looking ahead, GMU remains dedicated to expanding its influence in healthcare education and research. We are committed to nurturing future leaders equipped with the knowledge, skills, and innovative mindset to meet the evolving challenges of the healthcare sector. We encourage prospective students and researchers to consider joining our vibrant academic community.

We are excited about the future and look forward to continuing our journey of growth, innovation, and collaboration. With the ongoing support and dedication of our community—students, alumni, industry partners, and faculty—GMU is well-positioned to make a lasting impact in healthcare education and research. Together, we can shape a brighter, healthier future for generations to come, fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and strategic partnerships.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to GMU’s vision of empowering the next generation of healthcare leaders.

Sincerely,

**Nousheen Salma**

Secretary General  
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# GMU CAREER FAIR 2025



On May 8, 2025, Gulf Medical University (GMU) welcomed its esteemed industry partners during the joint GMU Career Fair & Industry Partners Meet 2025 event, reinforcing its commitment to building strong academia-industry linkages that empower future medical professionals.

This event provided a vital platform for meaningful interactions between students, faculty, and industry leaders, fostering collaborations that drive innovation and practical learning. By bringing together key

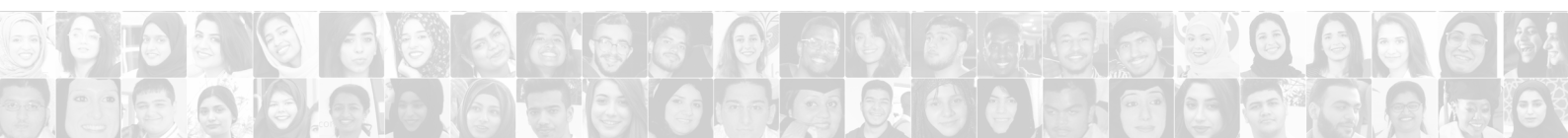
stakeholders from the healthcare sector, GMU aims to bridge the gap between academic excellence and real-world industry demands, ensuring graduates are well-prepared to meet the evolving challenges of healthcare. The event also highlighted GMU's dedication to advancing medical education through strategic partnerships, cutting-edge research, and emerging technologies that shape the future of healthcare in the region and beyond.

Under the overarching theme "Empowering the Next Generation of Healthcare Leaders," the event attracted participation from over 90 prominent healthcare organizations. Exhibits and interactive booths showcased collaborations with esteemed healthcare providers, including American Hospital, Zulekha

Hospital, Julphar, and Abbott. Representatives from government agencies like Emirates Health Services (EHS), Dubai Police, Ajman Police and Ajman Municipality also participated, exemplifying the event's inclusive approach and the strong public-private partnership that underpins healthcare development in the region.

The Career Fair 2025 significantly enriched students' educational experience by providing them with direct exposure to the professional world, allowing them to understand industry expectations and develop essential networking skills.

**The event provided an exceptional opportunity for dialogue, learning, and professional growth.**



**Gulf Medical University (GMU) forged stronger ties with the healthcare industry on May 8, 2025, hosting its Career Fair & Industry Partners Meet.**

This event reinforced GMU's dedication to preparing future medical professionals by connecting students and graduates with key industry players. Bringing together students, alumni, and industry leaders, the fair facilitated networking, knowledge sharing, and the development of a future-focused healthcare ecosystem.

The gathering included a prestigious line-up representing various domains of the healthcare profession. Throughout the day, attendees participated in thought-provoking panel discussions, beginning with the Health Education Leaders Panel, while the second panel brought together top industry executives. An essential component of the event was a comprehensive workshop focused on portfolio building, emphasizing its importance for students and graduates seeking to showcase their skills and experience effectively. The workshop provided participants with valuable strategies for creating compelling professional portfolios, which are crucial for career advancement and securing competitive opportunities in the healthcare sector.

The Industry Partners Meet also highlighted GMU's forward-looking initiatives aimed at revolutionizing medical education. Notable advancements

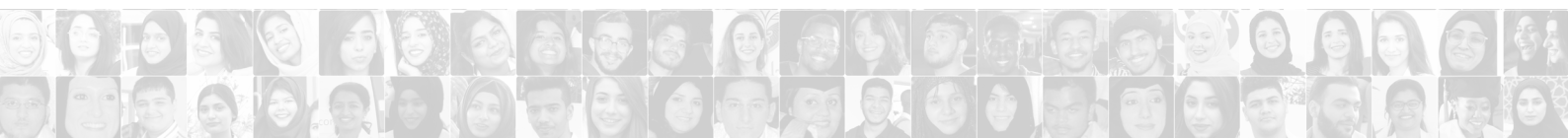
include the integration of artificial intelligence into curricula, the launch of entrepreneurship and innovation incubators, and strategic international academic alliances designed to broaden student exposure and foster cutting-edge research. These initiatives are supported by GMU's state-of-the-art Thumbay Medicity campus and extensive research infrastructure, reaffirming the university's position as a leader in healthcare transformation and a catalyst for regional innovation in medical education.

As a center of excellence, GMU continuously pushes the boundaries of medical education and healthcare delivery, driving regional transformation and setting new standards for academic and clinical excellence.



**List of Companies**

- Dubai Police
- Primary Health Services / EHS
- Ajman Police
- Ajman municipality
- DH (Dubai Health)
- EHS
- Sharjah School Health ENA / EHS
- Aster
- Thumbay Healthcare
- NMC
- American Hospital, Dubai
- Zulekha Hospital
- Julphar
- Thumbay Labs
- Manzil Health Care Services
- ICME Healthcare, Abu Dhabi
- Patient Ready, Dubai
- Noor Al Nile Trading LLC, Dubai
- GulfDrug LLC
- Thumbay Pharmacy
- AlThiqa Pharmacy
- Tabkul Pharmaceuticals
- Medicina Pharmacy
- Almanara Pharmacy
- Pharmatrade
- Pro Pharma
- Professional Regulatory Affairs
- Z'neem
- Trumed
- Shofu
- Excocad
- Unilabs
- Nabta Health
- Thumbay Fergana College of Medical Sciences - Uzbekistan
- Mescree™
- Aafiya
- Biolink
- Atlas medical
- Biospace Scientific
- Medica
- Curaden
- Curaprox
- Biolink Medical trading
- Taqem Com medical equipment trading
- Dr Munir Silwadi Dental Center Abu Dhabi
- Middle East Center-MEC-SGS
- Prolink Proactive Link Medical Equipment Trading
- Saltom Medical Equipment Trading LLC
- MyAlfred, Insurance Market LLC
- Aramed
- 360 Medicare
- Medprep
- Total Core
- Meridian HealthCare
- Fursaty Career Consultancy
- Learnovate Training Center
- Deraya Medical Academy
- Canadian Education Council
- GloboPrime Study Abroad
- JBedufly Academy Dubai
- Ascent Global LLC
- ProTrain Events
- Naukri.com
- Al Khayyat Investments (AKI)
- Gig Insurance
- Infinity Medical Supplies LLC
- Medprix
- Scorpios
- Prime Health Holding
- Cali Medical Technology General Trading
- First Response Healthcare







that supports career development and industry engagement. For future editions, considering structured one-on-one networking sessions or breakout presentations where companies can share insights or short demos could further enhance the experience. We look forward to continued collaboration and more opportunities to connect talent with industry.”

**T**hemed “Empowering the Next Generation of Healthcare Leaders,” The GMU Career Fair & Industry Partners Meet 2025 drew participation from over 90 prominent healthcare organizations along with students, alumni, educators, and industry leaders.

The organization received high praise from attendees, with many expressing their appreciation for the seamless arrangements and rating the event highly. Students found the event extremely beneficial, with some mentioning that it was perfectly organized and giving it a perfect score. Several students emphasized the importance of such events as they serve as valuable networking and career development platforms.

However, there were some constructive suggestions for improvement. Many students also expressed a desire for more companies that hire for healthcare management roles and more continuing professional development (CPD) courses for healthcare professionals. Additionally, students suggested inviting more organizations that

recruit fresh graduates, especially from management backgrounds, noting that most of the attending companies favored clinical students.

### The exhibitors

Exhibitors shared positive feedback regarding the organization, praising the registration process and the overall student engagement at the venue. They appreciated the opportunity to participate in such a dynamic platform and expressed interest in future enhancements such as structured one-on-one networking sessions or breakout presentations where companies could offer short talks to interested students.

Aafiya TPA commented that the GMU Career Fair 2025 was exceptionally well organized, from the smooth registration process to the engaging interactions at the venue. They added, “The level of student participation was impressive, and the professional environment facilitated meaningful connections between students and employers. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be part of such a vibrant platform

Overall, exhibitors appreciated the opportunity to participate and praised the event’s organization and engagement levels. Many suggested that increased visibility and structured interactions could further enhance the experience for both students and companies.

### The alumni

The alumni feedback was varied but generally focused on the need for more practical and clinical opportunities. Some alumni appreciated the event but called for increased opportunities for MBBS graduates and new entrants to the workforce. A significant concern raised was the requirement by some hospitals for three years of experience, which presents a challenge for fresh graduates seeking their first employment opportunities.

The GMU Career Fair & Industry Partners Meet 2025 was a successful event that fostered valuable connections between students and industry leaders. While the feedback was largely positive, there are clear areas for future improvement, including expanding company participation across all majors and creating more targeted engagement activities.



The event kicked off with a stimulating panel discussion featuring some of GMU's top academic leaders. GMU's esteemed leader, Acting Chancellor Professor Manda Venkatramana, engaged in a lively dialogue on critical topics such as career readiness, healthcare education reforms, and the evolving expectations of the healthcare industry. Their insights underscored the university's commitment to aligning academic programs with industry needs, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for real-world challenges. The panel fostered a sense of shared purpose among students and faculty alike, inspiring future healthcare professionals to strive for excellence and adaptability in a competitive environment.

## Resume Writing and Professional Portfolio Workshop

Later in the day, students and attendees participated in a highly practical workshop focused on resume writing and professional portfolio development. Led by Dr. Ahmad El Ouweini, a seasoned clinical lecturer and expert in pharmacy practice, the session was designed to equip participants with essential tools for career advancement. He began by explaining what constitutes a compelling professional portfolio—an essential document that showcases skills, achievements, and experiences in a structured manner. He emphasized the importance of tailoring portfolios to specific career goals as well as industry standards.



The workshop included step-by-step guidance on structuring a professional resume, emphasizing clarity, conciseness, and relevance. Attendees learned how to highlight their strengths, incorporate measurable achievements, and avoid common pitfalls. Participants had the opportunity to review sample resumes and work on their own drafts, gaining immediate feedback. The session fostered a sense of empowerment, helping students feel more confident and prepared to pursue their professional goals. Overall, this workshop was a valuable addition, providing practical skills that students can apply directly as they navigate their career paths.







A key highlight of the esteemed event was the second Industry Leaders Panel Discussion, which brought together prominent executives from various sectors to share insights on emerging trends and innovations shaping the industry. Moderated by Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Hesham Marei, during the panel, students engaged with industry leaders, explored potential career pathways, and gained first-hand insights into current and future trends in medical and healthcare practice.

Dr. Samir Mahmoud, Director of Patient and Customer at Modern Pharmaceutical Company (MPC) Group, highlighted how AI can revolutionize patient care,

streamline operations, and enhance service deliver. Following this, the Human Resources Panel, featuring Ms. Dana Shishani, Director of Human Capital & Organization Development at Julphar, emphasized that while technical knowledge remains essential for pharmacy professionals, soft skills such as communication, adaptability, and emotional intelligence are increasingly vital for recruitment and career progression.

Other distinguished panelists included Dr. Asma Alnababteh, Head of Medical Education and Research at Appolonia World Dental Clinics for Children in Abu Dhabi; Dr. Mais Aswad, Business Unit Manager at Medica Group; Mr. Matthias Raith, Associate Partner and Managing Director

MENA at ICME Healthcare Abu Dhabi; Ms. Huda Ali Mohammed Aljasmi, Vice Head of Nursing at Sharjah School Health Staffs; Ms. Samar Ahmad ElFarra, Vice President of the Emirates Medical Association – RASE Radiographers Society of Emirates and Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation at the University of AlDhaid; Raghuveer Remella Golingeshwara, Manager of Solutions Marketing for Healthcare and Head of Digital Health at e& Enterprise; Dr. Shihad Khader, Chief Operating Officer at Thumbay University Hospital & Thumbay Hospital Ajman; and Dr. Ibrahim Al Kuwaiti, Education Director and Director of Staff Development at Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City in Abu Dhabi.





The GMU Career Fair 2025 featured an engaging and insightful HR Leaders Panel that gave pharmacy students and future healthcare professionals a rare opportunity to connect with industry experts. This session fostered meaningful dialogue about what employers seek, how students can prepare for the evolving job market, and the skills defining success in healthcare careers. The panel was moderated by Dr. Omar Nabi, GM-Operations TUH, President Alumni Office, GMU, and included distinguished HR professionals such as Sidhiq A. K, Acting In Charge of the HCM Department at Thumbay Group Alumni Office; Dr. Sumayya Abdul Kadir Khache, Founder and Director of Learnovate Alumni Office; Ms. Erin Grover, Tech Advisor and Business Development Expert at

COHME; and Malvika Varma, Head of Human Resources at Prime Health Holdings.

Throughout the discussion, panellists emphasized the importance of qualities like adaptability, emotional intelligence, and effective communication when hiring recent graduates. When asked about the top qualities they look for, each highlighted a combination of technical competence and interpersonal skills. The panel also explored the balance between soft skills—such as empathy, teamwork, and communication—and technical knowledge, noting that both are essential in delivering quality healthcare. They discussed how digital transformation, including AI and telemedicine, is reshaping the industry, urging students to

develop digital literacy and stay adaptable to remain relevant.

By interacting with recruiters and industry leaders face-to-face, students gain valuable insights into potential career paths, internships, and job opportunities that align with their interests and aspirations. This hands-on engagement helps them build confidence, refine their communication skills, and better prepare for future employment challenges. Moreover, the connections made during the event often lead to internships, mentorship opportunities, and job placements, giving students a competitive edge in the job market.





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