

AGFE June SPOTLIGHT

AGFE and Zayed University

"We are delighted to join forces with the AGFE, and form an extended bridge of cooperation, academic integration, and joint research work."

-Her Excellency Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi,

Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, President of Zayed University



Longstanding Partners Create Sustained Impact

Overview

Authentic collaborations and strategic partnerships are crucial to our strategy to create ecosystems of success for youth and their communities. AGFE partnered with Zayed University (ZU), one of the leading federal universities in the UAE, to implement multiple programs to upskill youth and faculty in joint support of national development. This June, we celebrate our achievements after the first year of a 3-year agreement.

The Partnership

AGFE is working with ZU to pilot Virtual Internships as a structured student employability program that optimizes the student internship experience. ZU students are offered dedicated staff, intern experience managers, and relevant professional development courses.

This partnership also includes providing Emirati students with access to employment opportunities through Virtual Internships. AGFE cooperated with ZU's Student's Career Development Office to engage in a rigorous selection process and identified 11 students to be part of the Virtual Internships Pilot and be placed in companies around the world.



As part of the partnership, AGFE's flagship Young Thinkers Program (YTP) was implemented and served as a supplemental tool to support the university's goal of offering better career readiness opportunities for the students. The table highlights the main KPIs, targets, and progress to date.

YTP

The Al Ghurair Young Thinkers Program (YTP) is an online education and career readiness platform provided by AGFE and offers:



Career exploration tool



Professional and soft skills courses



Education and career information

90% of students benefitting from YTP at ZU are Emirati nationals.

KPIs	Target by 2023	Progress to Date
Students enrolled in YTP	6,000	1,072
Students completed the me3 career assessment tool	6,000	409
Students registered in at least one course on the YTP platform	6,000	688
Students engaged with a Success Advisor	25%	90%
Faculty trained on YTP	750	344
Students attended a YTP webinar	2,400	207
Students attended 1 week AGFE-supported Graduate Development Program	360	121
Students trained as YTP Brand Ambassadors	180	25

"The training was useful, and I learned a lot from it for my professional life and for my personal life. Through this training, I gained new skills." -Ma Student, Zayed University

