

# Dean's Message COSGS

It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you all to the College of Science and General Studies (CoSGS), which sets itself the task of nurturing science, the "key to innovation and inventions," and the foundation for advancement in all other branches of knowledge. The Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences offers two tracks for students to choose from: *Biological Sciences & Nanotechnology*, and *Environmental Sciences & Sustainability*.

I am truly delighted to be part of this diverse, competent, and vibrant academic community. As outlined in the College's Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (<https://cos.alfaisal.edu/pdf/Strategic-Plan-COSGS-2020-2025.pdf>) our vision is to be *a student-centered college distinguished for its world-class education, research, and outreach services*. Our mission is *to create and disseminate knowledge by offering world-class academic programs, cutting-edge research, and outreach activities that serve national development and benefit humanity*.

As a performance indicator, Alfaisal University was placed 36<sup>th</sup> globally by *Times Higher Education Young Universities Rankings 2022* (i.e., institutions less than 50 years old), as well as ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in the Kingdom and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Arab World ([https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2022/young-university-rankings#!/page/0/length/25/locations/SAU/sort\\_by/rank/sort\\_order/asc/cols/stats](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2022/young-university-rankings#!/page/0/length/25/locations/SAU/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc/cols/stats)).

Equipped with state-of-the art physical infrastructure and amenities, the CoSGS brings together nationally and globally eminent scholars in disciplines at the center of scientific inquiry as researchers and educators who take to heart the college vision and mission of supporting its students to achieve their academic and professional goals. Our well-developed academic departments and programs encompass the spectrum of life sciences, including environmental science & sustainability, chemistry, physics, mathematics, nanoscience, and nanotechnology, in addition to humanities and social sciences.

Our students receive a robust and career-focused education, along with advising and guidance through the years of their study. As doing research is not just an assignment but a vital interest, we get our students earnestly involved in both field and lab research. As an example of the innovation, in 2020-2021, a total of seven international patents were awarded to faculty, students, and staff in the College. A substantial achievement. Furthermore, our programs significantly contribute to the Saudi knowledge-based economy. Indeed, we take great pride in our alumni who are either pursuing their higher education in highly reputed western universities or enjoying the positions for which they are eligible in the Saudi job market, and beyond.

We welcome you to join our science programs

