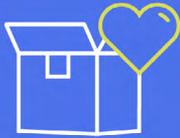


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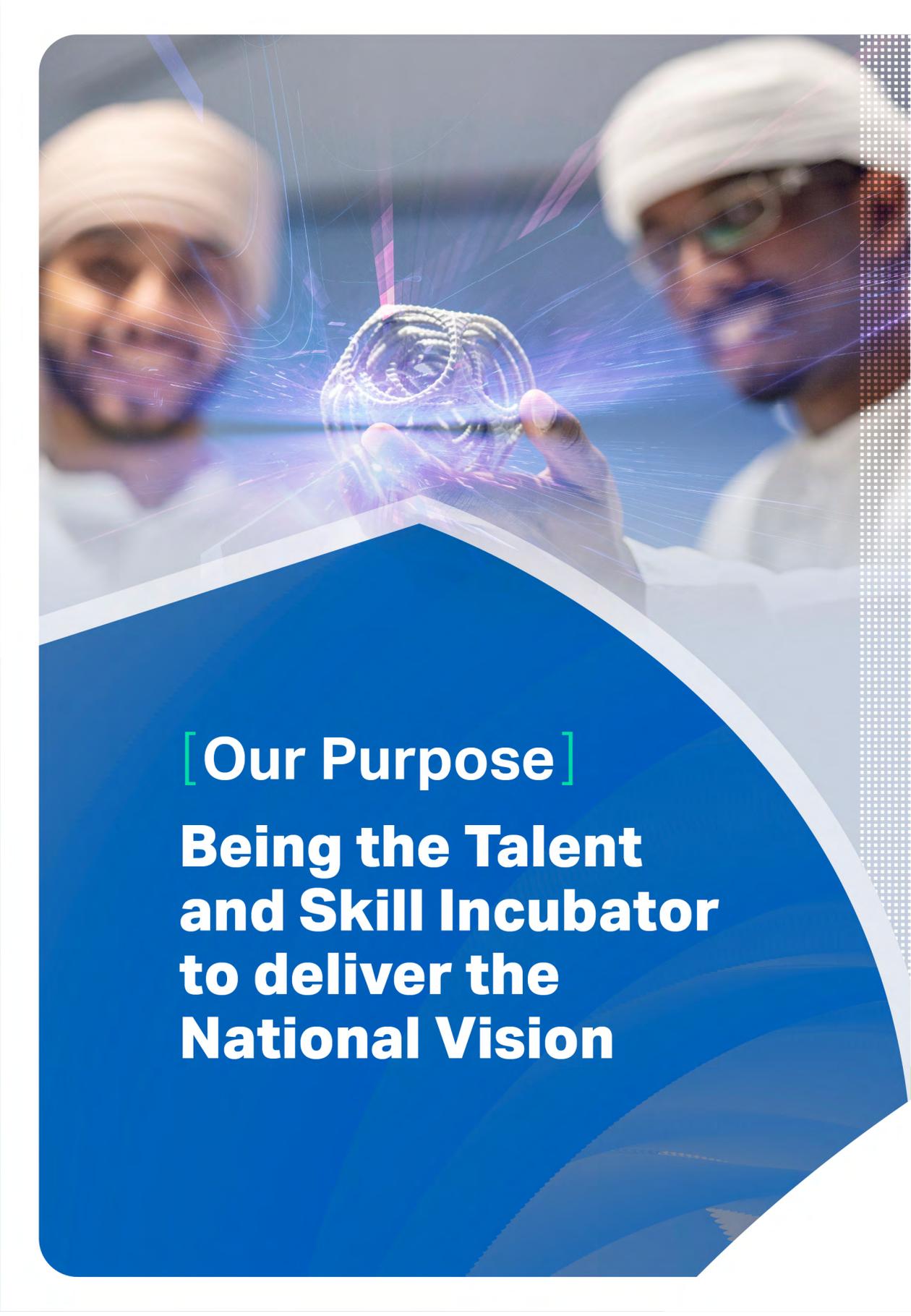
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[Our Purpose]

**Being the Talent
and Skill Incubator
to deliver the
National Vision**



[Our Vision]

**Leading applied
higher education
Institution to
advance national
wellbeing and
economic
prosperity**

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Professor Abdullatif Al Shamsi
President & CEO,
Higher Colleges of Technology

Message from the **PRESIDENT & CEO**

Every academic year the HCT celebrates the achievements of its students in the volunteering program, which was introduced in the spring of 2016 as a mandatory graduation requirement. Students must complete a total of 100 voluntary hours throughout their years of study at HCT, so that volunteering and community service will become an integral part of student life.

Philanthropy was instilled by the founding father, His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, May Allah rest his soul in peace, and our wise leadership continues to instill these values in the UAE society. It is pleasing to see that our National youth at HCT are keen to repay a small part of the country's rewards and spirit of giving by participating in volunteer activities.

In addition to the community-oriented focus, we also have to revive volunteering work as an economic

value. This active participation in the community not only reflects the civilization and progress of communities, but it now also supports the economies of countries.

HCT students are the best representatives of their communities and our nation. This is borne out in the fact that at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year our students collectively celebrated the completion of over 1 million volunteering hours, which is a remarkable milestone. We are confident that these hours will multiply every year to create happiness among the beneficiaries of the many humanitarian deeds, as well as pride and confidence in the students undertaking them.

You, our HCT students, are the sons and daughters of Zayed. You are our pride, and are role models for the next generations of National youth to follow and emulate.



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OUR NATION VALUES
**VOLUNTEERING &
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

“ Real giving lies in making a difference in another person’s life, or the life of a community, or in the journey of a nation. That’s the meaning of real giving which I learnt from Sheikh Zayed.”

**H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,
Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates,
and ruler of Dubai.**

Sons and daughters of Zayed, you are role models for the next generations of National youth to follow.

Contribute to the UAE Vision 2021’s **“Cohesive society and Preserved Identity”** through volunteering and service to your communities.



2 HCT'S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

In alignment with the UAE Vision 2021 to enhance citizenship of Emirati youth, increase their involvement with their communities and to preserve a cohesive society, the HCT provides its students with a range of community service and volunteering activities. These activities aim to enhance cultural and social awareness among HCT students, lead them to undertake positive and effective roles in their societies and develop their personal skills and capabilities.

Participation in community service and volunteering is important for personal development and behavioral maturity, and for instilling national identity and social responsibility. Through these endeavors all Higher Colleges of Technology students contribute to the institution's mission - to support voluntary initiatives launched by the government, and to connect with the local community.

As a result, 100 hours of volunteering work is integrated into the HCT curriculum as a compulsory graduation requirement for all students. It supports and encourages personal growth, self-confidence and behavioral maturity. It also promotes national identity, social responsibility and awareness, encouraging them to take positive and active roles in UAE society.

Volunteering work can be done through various ways, which help members of society, and are calculated at 25 hours per academic year, depending on the type of qualification being completed. All HCT students must complete a specific number of volunteering hours as a mandatory part of their graduation requirements, according to the following:

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
|  Credential | Bachelor | Higher Diploma | Diploma |
|  Mandatory Volunteering Hours | 100 Hrs (25 hours per an academic year of study) | 75 Hrs (25 hours per an academic year of study) | 50 Hrs (25 hours per an academic year of study) |

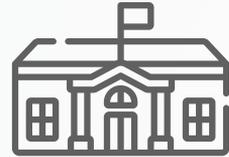
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HCT VOLUNTEERING BY THE NUMBERS



Total HCT Volunteering Hours Completed by HCT Students (as at 21-2020 AY)

1,790,013
Volunteering Hours by HCT Students



More than 519 Government, Semi-Government & Volunteering Teams Collaborate with HCT to Provide Students with Volunteering Hours.

519⁺
Number of organizations working with HCT



Most Volunteering Hours by a HCT Campus (Fall 2020 / 2021)

32,690
Hours

Fujairah Women's Campus

29,638
Hours

Sharjah Women's Campus

20,729
Hours

Fujairah Men's Campus



4 OBJECTIVES OF VOLUNTEERING

- 
Achieve the UAE Government's vision to promote good citizenship
- 
Encourage UAE youth and community participation
- 
Create opportunities for, and encourage, UAE youth to participate in various international volunteering initiatives
- 
Promote awareness of students' social responsibility through participation in community and volunteering projects
- 
Develop student loyalty, citizenship, and lifelong learning skills
- 
Prepare citizens to become positive and effective role models in society
- 
Enhance students' integration and engagement with the community
- 
Enhance the connection between HCT, students and strategic partners.
- 
Encourage students to give back to their communities.
- 
Enrich students' awareness of community services.
- 
Supports personal growth and behavioral maturity.
- 
Enhance students' national identity and social responsibility
- 
Establish multiple-level interaction and engagement between students, industry, alumni, strategic partners and all other stakeholders.
- 
Develops high student engagement, satisfaction and commitment towards the community
- 
Enable active student life and vibrant student interaction with peers
- 
Enhance the innovation culture at HCT



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HCT VOLUNTEERING POLICIES



In accordance with the decision of the HCT's Board of Trustees number (13/2/2015-2), all students enrolled in HCT must complete 100 hours of non-academic volunteering work and community service over four years, as a mandatory requirement for graduation.

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ATTRIBUTES OF A VOLUNTEER

Some of the most valuable attributes of a volunteer are following:



7 BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering work has important benefits for students, including development of their skills and professional performance, and service to their local communities. These vital benefits include:



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HCT VOLUNTEERING PROCEDURES

Here is a quick guide as to how to register for volunteering at HCT.



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APPLICABLE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Students can complete volunteering hours and community service in a variety of ways designed to help others in the community, such as:



Events and activities organized by HCT and campuses



Initiatives by government institutions and non-profit organizations



Online courses and webinars organized by HCT and campuses



National events



Public service events organized by Campus Volunteering Officers (animal care programs, community food distribution)



Cultural and heritage activities

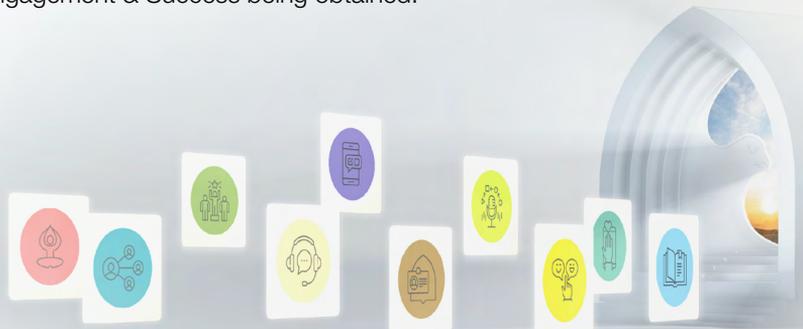


Health awareness activities and social, scientific, and environmental activities

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ONLINE VOLUNTEERING

All HCT students who participate in different online activities on the Digi Campus Platform and online sessions/webinars, as recommended by the Student Engagement Department, will earn volunteering hours, upon approval of the Director of Student Engagement & Success being obtained.



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APPROVAL OF COMPLETED HOURS



In order to credit the hours of volunteering work completed, the student must fill out the HCT Volunteering Form, and have it signed and stamped by the organizer of the event.



The student needs to submit the completed volunteering form to the volunteering officer in their campus Student Life office.



Campus Volunteering Officers will review the submitted applications on the portal.



If the application is approved, the completed hours will be added to the student's volunteering records.

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DRESS CODE & BEHAVIOR DURING VOLUNTEERING WORK

All students are required to wear national dress and observe national customs and traditions. Volunteers must also wear any event specific items (vest, armband, etc.) while performing the volunteering work.

HCT students shall adhere to HCT Student Code of conduct; code of conduct mentioned by the host organization, Directive (21)/2015 HCT Community Service Program, in all community outreach engagement activities with internal and external stakeholders. No HCT student, shall indulge in any activity which can negatively affect the image of HCT while engaged in such community outreach & engagement activities/programs.



13 KHALIFA AWARD FOR EDUCATION

HCT won the 2020-21 Khalifa Award for Education (14th edition), in the category of Education & Community Service.

The Khalifa Award for Education was created to enrich the development of education and to facilitate effective interactions between local, Arab and international contributors in that field.





نموذج العمل التطوعي

COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

| Students Information | بيانات الطالب/ة |
|--|---|
| Student Name | الطالبة |
| ID Number | الرقم الجامعي |
| Program | البرنامج |
| Mobile Number | رقم الهاتف المتحرك |
| Voluntary Work Details | تفاصيل العمل التطوعي |
| Organization Name & Address | اسم وعنوان الجهة المنظمة |
| Type of Organization | نوع المؤسسة |
| Government <input type="checkbox"/> حكومية | Semi-Government <input type="checkbox"/> شبه حكومية |
| Private <input type="checkbox"/> خاصة | |
| Type of Event | نوع الفعالية |
| Internal <input type="checkbox"/> داخلية | External <input type="checkbox"/> خارجية |
| Date From | التاريخ |
| from / / to / / / / إلى / / من | |
| Starting Time | وقت بداية التطوع |
| Ending Time | وقت نهاية التطوع |
| Claimed Number of Hours | عدد الساعات المنجزة |
| Name/ Type of the Event | إسم/ نوع الفعالية |
| Supporting Documents Attached | المستندات الثبوتية المرفقة |
| Description of the Volunteer Role | وصف العمل التطوعي |
| The Organization Verification | اعتماد الجهة المنظمة |
| Supervisor Name | اسم المشرف |
| Supervisor Designation | المسمى الوظيفي |
| Contact Number | رقم التواصل |
| E-Mail Address | البريد الإلكتروني |
| Remarks | ملاحظات |
| Signature and Official Stamp | التوقيع وختم الجهة المنظمة |
| For HCT Official Use | للاستعمال الرسمي |
| Verified by | اسم المسؤول المدقق |
| Designation | المسمى الوظيفي |
| Approved Number of Hours | عدد ساعات التطوع المعتمدة |
| Signature | التوقيع |
| Date | التاريخ |
| <p>يجب أن يتوافق عدد الساعات التي يتم ادخالها على النظام الإلكتروني مع عدد الساعات الموافق عليها في هذا النموذج The completed number of hours will be calculated to equivalent units as per policy</p> | |