CSE collects first and Runner up places in Startup LaunchPad competition

On **April 2019**, Qatar univeristy QU lancaued the **QU forum for digital annovations**. The two-day forum aimed to bring technology and industry leaders together to share ideas and insights on new technology trends and their impact on education. The forum also provided the university community a platform to explore the latest technological developments related to education.**Startup LaunchPad competition**, sponsored by Microsoft was a part of QU Digital Innovation Forum. Startup Launchpad event was organized by Information Technology Services Department, and Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Business and Economics. Students, faculty and staff members of Qatar University were allowed to participate in this event.

The aim of the contest was to let the participations try to commercialize their business idea, innovation, or graduate project. Some of CSE students and faculty member participated in this competition. Mr. Zeyad Ali and Dr. Qutaibah Malluhi pariticpated in the competation with their project titled "InstaPreter". The project is used in the medical filed where it can make the communication between the doctor and the partient much easir by interpreting the conversation between the, and deleting of the language barrier**. The project won with the first place in the competation.**

The winners in this competation were not only faculty memebers from CSE department, but also the CSE department senior students Menatalla Abdelfattah Issa, Roudha Mohammed Al-Ahbabi, and Shimaa Amer Taha under the supervison of their supervisor Dr. Uvais Qidwai participated with the idea of their senior project titled "Robotic Physiotherapy System for Arm Rehabilitation using Visual Impulsive Stimuli". **The group won the 1st Runner up place in the competation**.Menatalla said to express her happense :" It was a thrilling experience as we had the chance to challenge ourselves by joining a competition that was joined by experts in both business and technology fields. It was also a great opportunity to try presenting in front of big crowd of technology experts. We are also so grateful for our supervisor and Dr Ajimsha from Hamad Hospital for believing in us and providing us with a great support throughout the competition"

Furthermore, Other senior students from CSE department presented their ideas in the competition such as the group of Mohamed Abdou, Hussein Aly and Abdelmonem Mohamed, who presented their idea about " Ustad " the online private lessons website they pitched on. Ustad is a web platform to make focused curriculum private tutoring much cheaper, more time convenient, and informative. In addition to that, Sara AL-Housani, Eshraq Alhazbi, and Raghd Al-Qershi other CSE senior students participated with their project titled "Kidlinker". Kidlinker is a smart watch for the autistic kid to keep them safe and the parents can watch them all the time. Sara mentioned that their smart watch could offer the following a smart lock that opens and close with a pin code(the parents set the pin), GPS tracker & safe zone detection, an alarm that alerting the surrounding if the kid lost or etc, and a smart e-textile to be printed on the kid shirt (optional).