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November 2, 2026

Sent via electronic mail to:barda@bar-dea.com
Kobby Barda
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Re: Maryland Public Information Act Request No.: 668-2026

Dear Mr. Barda,

The University of Maryland, College Park (the "University") has processed your October 1, 2026 request under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article ("GP") Sections 4-101 to 4-601 (the "Act"). Specifically, you requested the:

> *records sufficient to establish the funding and administration associated with this account and program for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.*
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> *Specifically, I request copies of the following existing records, to the extent they exist:*
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> *Any grant agreement, award letter, memorandum of understanding, contract, or other funding agreement between Qatar Foundation International (QFI) and the University of Maryland relating to the QFI Arabic Summer Language Program or substantially similar QFI-supported Arabic language programs;*
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> *Any amendments, renewals, extensions, supplements, or modifications to such agreements;*
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> *Records showing the amount of funding awarded, received, or credited to KFS Account 01-4315543, T-Code 9LLN, or any successor account or Worktag associated with the same QFI-supported program;*
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> *Records sufficient to identify the dates, amount, source, and stated purpose of each QFI payment or award associated with the program;*
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> *Approved budgets, budget narratives, financial reports, account summaries, ledgers, or transaction summaries showing revenues and expenditures associated with the program;*
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> *Records describing the activities, courses, scholarships, fellowships, stipends, student support, or other expenditures funded through these awards;*
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> *Records identifying any successor financial codes, accounts, or Worktags used for QFI-supported Arabic language programming during 2024 and 2025; and*

If funds were distributed to students, records sufficient to show the aggregate number of recipients and aggregate amounts distributed. I am not requesting student names, identification numbers, educational records, or other personally identifiable student information.

I am seeking existing records rather than asking the University to create a new record or perform an analysis.

Please provide the responsive records electronically whenever possible.

If any responsive document contains exempt information, I respectfully request disclosure of all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions and identification of the statutory basis for each withholding or redaction.

If fulfilling this request is expected to result in fees, please notify me in advance with an estimate before incurring substantial costs. If appropriate, I also request consideration of a fee waiver or reduction because the records are being sought for scholarly, non-commercial research concerning higher education and foreign philanthropic funding.

If the University determines that another office or custodian maintains any of the requested records, I would appreciate the request being forwarded or guidance regarding the appropriate custodian.

REVISED REQUEST:

I would like to narrow and clarify my request as follows:[1]

Exclusion of Emails: I am not requesting any email correspondence.

Narrowed Agreements: Instead of all historical contracts and subsidiary documents, I am limiting items 1 and 2 strictly to the primary grant agreement/award letter between QFI and the University for the QFI Arabic Summer Language Program, along with its most recent amendment or renewal.

Simplified Financials: Rather than detailed ledgers or transaction summaries (items 5 and 7), I am requesting only high-level annual budget summaries and total funding amounts.[2]

The University has located a record responsive to your request. The record is attached.

No fees have been assessed to process your inquiry. The University will close its file on your request.

Sincerely,
Erika Prudencio
Ms. Erika Prudencio
Paralegal

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1 You revised your request on October 2, 2026.
2 The revised request was confirmed on October 30, 2026.