

Hadith studies, translations, geography, history, Imam Reza's life and conduct, Islamic genealogy and prominent figures, ethics, the Islamic Revolution and modern civilization, Islamic economy, philosophy, art, and Islamic architecture.

### Guiding Students from Research to Solutions

Curiosity, inquiry, and the search for knowledge are defining features of childhood and adolescence. A significant portion of these needs is addressed for students at Imam Reza Schools through scientific, educational, and research projects, as well as specialized cultural activities at Imam Reza Research Center. Established in 2008 in the Khajeh Rabi area of Mashhad, the center spans 2,615 square meters across three floors and has been operational ever since. The research center annually witnesses numerous achievements by students in various festivals and Olympiads. In 2017, it was recognized as the top student research center in Khorasan Razavi Province and eastern Iran for having the most projects in the Khwarizmi Festival. Throughout its diverse history, the center has undertaken various educational, research, and cultural initiatives, significantly contributing to deepening and applying students' knowledge and skills. The center supports and guides students in four key areas: excelling in scientific and skill-based competitions, content production, developing educational spaces, and conducting empowerment and skill-building courses.

### Knowledge and Skill Development under the Auspices of Spirituality

Imam Reza International University (IRIU) is the primary research hub of the AQR. Leveraging the high academic and research capabilities of university professors and

student elites, the university serves as a base for applied research projects of the AQR. The importance of research in the academic environment of the shrine is highlighted by the Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC), which evaluates and ranks universities and higher education institutions based on four indicators: education, research, technology and innovation, and internationalization. In the latest ranking published in 2023, IRIU was ranked second among private universities and higher education institutions in the country in the research category.

### «Research» in an Institution with a Combined Seminary-University Approach

Razavi University of Islamic Sciences (RUIS) is the first institution in Iran with a combined seminary-university approach, established on August 1984, alongside the first International Congress of Imam Reza at the Imam Reza Shrine. Originating from the two historic and longstanding schools of Mirza Jafar and Khairat Khan, the university's educational program was approved by the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution in 1995 and the Supreme Council of Planning of the Ministry of Science in 1997. Ever since, the university has expanded its research scope to include new fields of study such as law, Islamic philosophy, and theology, Islamic jurisprudence and principles, and translation, continuing its activities as the university's research department.

### Distinguished Researchers of Imam Reza on the Pinnacles of Scientific Glory

The academic achievements of AQR's professors, students, and staff are remarkable and praiseworthy in global and national research events. The research activities of AQR have shone brightly in prestigious scientific events over the years, earning numerous awards in various categories. For instance,