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SDG 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Khalifa University of Science and Technology contributes to SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth by developing future-ready talent, supporting innovation-driven economic growth, and ensuring fair, safe, and inclusive working conditions. As a national research university, KU plays a key role in strengthening human capital and supporting the UAE's transition to a knowledge-based economy.

Key Contributions in 2025

1. Talent Development and Employability

In 2025, Khalifa University continued to equip students with **high-value skills** aligned with national and global labour market needs. Industry-linked curricula, internships, research placements, and career development programs enhance graduate employability and long-term economic opportunity.

2. Decent Work and Safe Working Conditions

KU upholds strong policies and practices that promote **fair employment, health and safety, and employee well-being**. Comprehensive occupational health and safety systems, professional development opportunities, and inclusive workplace practices contribute to a productive and supportive work environment.

3. Research and Innovation Driving Economic Growth

Through research excellence in **clean energy, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, space technologies, healthcare, and smart systems**, KU contributes directly to innovation-led economic growth. Research outcomes support industrial competitiveness, productivity, and diversification.

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4. Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Transfer

Khalifa University supports entrepreneurship, start-ups, and technology commercialization through innovation programs, industry collaboration, and spin-out support. These activities help translate research into economic value and job creation.

5. Partnerships Supporting Economic Development

In 2025, KU strengthened collaboration with government, industry, and global partners to support workforce development, applied research, and economic resilience initiatives aligned with national priorities.



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