

Fatima bint Muhammad al-Fihri

Founder of the World's First University



Fez, Morocco • c. 800–880 CE

A Visionary Legacy of Higher Learning

Using her entire inheritance, Fatima established University of Al-Qarawiyyin in 859 CE, recognized by UNESCO as the oldest continually operating university in the world.

It became a global intellectual beacon, pioneering higher education in Islamic theology, law, medicine, astronomy, and mathematics.