

CHILDHOOD

Quraysh descent Fihri was born in 800 AD in Al Qayrawan, the then Capital of Tunisia. Her father Mohammed al-Fihri migrated from Qayrawan to Fez, second largest city in Morocco. He started business in Fez and quickly became one of the richest men in Fez. Fihri's husband and father died in the same year. She used her father's and husband's fortune to found Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque, which later turned into an University.



EDUCATION

Fihiri's education can be divided into two types: Islamic education and mathematics education. In her early life, she learned Fiqh and the Hadith. In 857, she enrolled at Al-Qarawiyyin, the Mosque she founded to learn more on Islamic jurisprudence and mathematics. She received certification for completing her diplomas.



CAREER

Fihri supervised the construction of Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque, which took 18 years to built. She fasted for the entire construction periods. She became a lifelong student at the Mosque, promoting women's education. She devoted her career to promoting education, especially mathematics education, which ultimately paved the way for women's education in Africa and the middle east.



LEGACY

Many Universities and governments around the world promote women's education around the world by providing Fatima Al-Fihri Award including:

- 1. University of Alberta
- 2. Tunisia Government Fatima Fihiri Award
- 3. Europian Union







