

2016 Texas A&M Spring Leadership Exchange Program

Program Information

The Spring Leadership Exchange seeks student leaders to participate in a week-long, life-changing experience. Selected students will spend one week hosting students from Texas A&M-Qatar (February 26 – March 4, 2016), then travel to Doha over Spring Break (March 11 – March 18, 2016) to experience life and culture in Qatar. Through it all, students will be challenged to develop a deeper understanding of leadership in a global context. SLE is a collaborative initiative between the Department of Student Activities, Department of Residence Life, Department of Multicultural Services, Memorial Student Center, and the College of Engineering.

Participants

There will be up to 12 participants from each campus traveling during their respective Spring Break. Once more, anticipated travel dates are February 26 – March 4, 2016 (TAMU-Q visits Bryan / College Station) and March 11-18, 2016 (TAMU-CS visits Doha, Qatar). The selection committee will strive for a diverse group of participants, representative of students at Texas A&M.

Program Outcomes

- Participate in meaningful dialogue between students from the Qatar and College Station campuses
- Be exposed to different concepts in leadership and cultural relevance of leadership
- Collaborate with a diverse group in a shared experience
- Synthesize learning from leadership workshops, cultural experiences, and individual reflections throughout the program

Criteria

Applicants to the Spring Leadership Exchange should meet the following criteria:

- Current Passport in hand by October 9 with a minimum of a year before the expiration date
 - TAMU Study Abroad Passport Assistance <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/?go=passports>.
- Undergraduate student status in good standing with the University
- A GPR of 3.0 or higher
- Sophomore, junior, or senior classification, but not graduating prior to December 2016
- Leadership experience in student organizations
- Attendance at approximately 5 mandatory pre-departure meetings held from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Friday mornings during the Spring 2016 semester (January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26)
- Preferred: No previous travel to Qatar or the region

Requirements

Selected participants are expected to:

- Attend all trip preparation and reciprocal exchange pre-departure meetings prior to leaving for Qatar
- Serve as a representative of Texas A&M University and abide by all University, student, and trip rules and policies
- Actively attend and participate in required events with Texas A&M – Qatar students while they are visiting Bryan / College Station (February 26 – March 4)
- Actively participate in activities, events, and experiences while visiting Doha (March 11 – March 18)

Application Process

The application for the Spring Leadership Exchange is due no later than 11:59pm, Friday, October 9, 2015.

Applications received after this time / date will not be considered. Following October 9, selected students will be invited to interviews on or around October 26-30, and final notifications will be sent shortly thereafter.

Costs

Most expenses associated with this program are covered by Texas A&M – Qatar's Department of Student Affairs. However, selected participants are responsible for supporting **\$400** of their trip expenses, plus any spending money. In previous years, many students have received support from various colleges and departments on campus. Interest free loans have also been historically available through the Memorial Student Center's L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness. In cases where sponsorships are not available, the financial contribution may be reduced or waived in cases of hardship.

Application Available:

http://studyabroadportal.tamu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=11142