

Texas A&M Student Leadership Exchange Program 2018-2019 Program Information

The Student Leadership Exchange Program (SLEP) is an intensive 2 week exchange program between TAMU College Station and TAMU Qatar. The program is hosted by the Leadership and Service Center in the Department of Student Activities in partnership with the Memorial Student Center, Department of Residence Life, the Corps of Cadets and the College of Engineering. Twelve Aggies from each campus, 24 total, engage in a high impact transformational learning experience that allow them to travel abroad and engage in educational dialogue surrounding leadership and culture. Participants are equipped to better lead in a global society.

Participants

Participants from each campus travel during their respective Spring Break. Selected students spend one week hosting students in College Station from Texas A&M-Qatar (March 1 – March 8, 2019), then travel to Doha over Spring Break (March 8 – March 16, 2019) to experience life and culture in Qatar. Through it all, students are challenged to develop a deeper understanding of leadership in a global context.

Program Outcomes

- Participate in meaningful dialogue between students from the Qatar and College Station campuses
- Be exposed to different concepts in leadership and the 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
- Understand and increase the notion of what it means to be an individual of certain identities in a global world and in different contexts and geographic locations of this world

Criteria

Applicants of the Student Leadership Exchange Program should meet the following criteria:

- Current Passport in hand by November 16th 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
- Freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior classification, but not graduating prior to December 2019
- Leadership experience in student organizations
- Attendance at approximately 6 mandatory pre-departure meetings held from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Friday mornings during the Spring 2019 semester (January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, March 1st), and 1 post experience meeting (March 22nd)
- Preferred: No previous travel to Qatar or the region; and has traveled outside of the US no more than 2 times.
- Upon return, participants will give a presentation on what they experienced and learned during the program

Requirements

Selected participants are expected to:

- Attend all trip preparation and reciprocal exchange pre-departure meetings prior to leaving for Qatar
- Attend a post trip meeting to wrap up the experience
- 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 (March 1 – March 8, 2019)
- Actively participate in activities, events, and experiences while visiting Doha (March 8 – March 16, 2019)

Applications:

The application for the Student Leadership Exchange is due no later than 12:00 pm, Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Applications received after this time / date will not be considered.

Costs

Selected participants are responsible for supporting **\$1,100** of their trip expenses, plus any spending money. Participation fee is due by December 15, 2018. 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.

Applications are available through the Study Abroad Office at the link below:

<http://studyabroadportal.tamu.edu/?go=SpringLeadershipExchange>