

Texas A&M and QF Update on TAMUQ Transition

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Dear TAMUQ Students, Faculty and Staff:

We know the last few weeks have been challenging — not only because of the news that the campus will close but also because of the uncertainty that came with it. We want to bring certainty to this process as quickly as we can, and we commit to keeping you updated as key decisions are made.

On Sunday, Texas A&M and Qatar Foundation transition team leaders had a productive discussion about foundational aspects of the transition. It's important to understand that the Texas A&M-QF contract provides a strong framework for maintaining academic excellence for students, and for supporting faculty and staff, as we wind down Texas A&M operations through a multiyear process. While Texas A&M is winding down its operations in Qatar, QF will provide appropriate financial support for current operations and the transition process while in parallel looking at long-term plans and options. All of you remain the top priority as we develop and implement thorough transition plans.

Maintaining academic excellence is not only contractually required but a hallmark of Texas A&M, and the transition plan focuses on ensuring that every student's academic experience is of the same caliber as those who came before them. We will ensure that every current student, including Aggie Gateway Program students who will begin their studies this fall, will have ample opportunities to complete their Aggie degree at Texas A&M prior to 31 August 2028. To support degree completion in that timeframe, we are exploring offering more courses during regular and summer semesters, enabling students to take courses at Texas A&M's main campus, and even exploring distance education courses as needed.

Texas A&M and QF discussed undergraduate and graduate admissions for fall 2024 at length and are working to finalize a plan quickly. We are exploring a variety of options to support current applicants and students interested in pursuing graduate studies. We will be updating the campus community when decisions are finalized.

Faculty and staff are essential to academic excellence at TAMUQ, and we are grateful for their patience and understanding through this process. Retention of faculty and staff needed over the next four years to support a high-quality education for our students is top of mind, and together, Texas A&M and QF are exploring a variety of options for faculty and staff employment transitions over time. Further, we intend to provide ample notice to anyone whose position may be affected in the future, keeping in mind employment cycles for faculty and staff in academia.

We know there are still more questions, and we are working to address them quickly and appropriately. This transition will take time; we will keep you updated as new information becomes available, and we hope you will continue to raise your questions and concerns with your appropriate advocacy committee, which you can find on the [TAMUQ Transition webpage](#).

Together, Texas A&M and QF have forged incredible achievements both in research and education in the course of what will be a remarkable 25-year journey when Texas A&M University at Qatar closes its doors. Of course, the lasting legacy is the countless doors we have opened for young men and women in Qatar. You are all part of that. We plan to set the stage for the vision of Education City to continue, albeit without a physical Texas A&M presence after August 2028, and for our current faculty and staff to maintain their place in that vision long-term.

We look forward to keeping you updated as this process continues, and we thank you for your commitment and contributions to TAMUQ now and as we work through the transition.

Respectfully,

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