Texas A&M University at Qatar seeks proposals for transformative educational experiences for our students. These experiences, often also described as high-impact educational practices, are intended to shape significantly a student’s education by fostering such attributes as critical and creative thinking, communication skills, and intercultural engagement. Such experiences include, but are not limited to classroom teaching innovation, international experiences, intercultural engagement, service-learning, student-faculty research, and collaborative projects.

Attached is the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ *High-Impact Educational Practices: What They Are, Who has Access to Them and Why They Matter*, which Texas A&M University uses as a guide for purposes of definition, explanation, and justification.

Up to $80,000 in travel and operation funds and eight student-worker positions have been earmarked for this program. New to this year: proposals may also include requests for faculty summer salary (maximum two months per proposal).

Individual proposals must not exceed $20,000 in travel/operations, and smaller proposals are particularly welcome. Faculty and staff may be part of more than one proposal. Funds can be used for support materials, operations costs, and travel. Proposals can include hiring a student worker, but the work itself should be a high impact learning experience (i.e. working on a collaborative research project). The travel and operational funds must be used in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2017, but the faculty summer salary can be utilized in June, July and/or August 2017.

At the end of the project cycle, recipients and their students will be asked to report on their activities. Recipients will also be expected to present their projects as part of the Fall 2018 teaching week—typically in a poster session.

**Proposals should consist of the following:**

- Names of the lead and supporting faculty/staff members
- A 300-500 word description of the proposed activity or activities, an explanation how it is a transformative educational experience, and the expected outcomes/results. If requesting summer salary support, include a description of the summer activities related to the project.
- Simple budget. Funds can be used for materials, operations, and travel but not equipment or salaries. If you are requesting a student worker, please simply note that a student worker this (no need to estimate the cost). If you are requesting summer salary for faculty, simply list the faculty member and number of months (up to two months total per proposal).
- Please submit the proposal as a Word document or pdf.

Deadline for proposals: 25 September 2017
Announcement of awards: 15 October 2017

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