

Innovation Fund for Global Education

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English Aggie in Doha

We anticipate that the next major study abroad initiative for the Department of English will be an “English Aggies in Doha” program.

We have learned that students are able to earn TAMUQ credit by taking courses offered by other institutions in Education City, which would streamline the processes of establishing the program, of getting students registered for courses they can use toward their degrees, and of applying the credit to their program requirements. We believe this is an innovative and sustainable approach to providing global opportunities for our majors.

Working with the Chair of the Liberal Arts Program at TAMUQ, and other Education City universities such as Virginia Commonwealth, Carnegie Mellon, and Georgetown University, with all of whom TAMUQ has cross-registration arrangements, we are well positioned to begin program development in earnest. The Innovation Fund award will support a trip to Doha in early Spring of 2014 for our Academic Advisor to

- Coordinate logistics and a time-table with the TAMUQ Study Abroad Program Coordinator, the Liberal Arts Program Chair, and the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs,
- Familiarize herself with available student housing, meal plans and other student services,
- Develop a relationship with academic advisors with whom she will likely be working at the three target Education City universities regarding scheduling and course availability as well as long-term, long-distance communication methods,
- Meet with TAMUQ Student Affairs staff, Liberal Arts faculty and TAMUQ students to begin to develop ideas for appropriate pre-departure orientation.

Assessment will be accomplished via an ePortfolio in eCampus, organized to align with the appropriate university and department learning outcomes, which will allow students to include artifacts and reflections both during and after their study abroad semester in Qatar.