Student Learning at Texas A&M University

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At Texas A&M our students and faculty are committed to a culture of excellence in teaching, research, and service and to an environment of respect where all Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime.
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime
Goals – Aggies Commit to L4L

• **Student learning goal:** improve student learning by developing habits and skills for integrative and lifelong learning

• **Institutional goal:** create a culture that makes *intentional* and *thoughtful engagement* in high-impact learning experiences the norm for A&M students
How will we determine if we are achieving our student-learning and institutional goals?

- **Collect student reflections:** developing habits & skills for lifelong learning; integration of learning (making connections)

- **Measure** availability, diversity, & quality of high-impact learning experiences and student participation
Characteristics of High-Impact Educational Practices

- Demand substantial and sustained effort on purposeful tasks
- Place students in circumstances that demand extended interactions about important issues
- Increase student experiences with diversity through interactions with people who are different from themselves
- Require frequent feedback to student performance
- Help students’ applications of learning in different settings
- Life-changing experiences
High-Impact Practices

- First-year Seminars and Experiences
- Learning Communities
- Writing-Intensive Courses
- Collaborative Assignments and Projects
- Undergraduate Research
- Diversity/Global Learning
- Service Learning
- Internships
- Capstone Courses and Projects
How can graduate students help?

Support Aggies Commit

• Understand assessment in demonstrating the quality of a college education

• Participate in the QEP, which is designed carefully to enhance learning

• Emphasize student learning, including institutional learning outcomes
How can graduate students help?

Participate!

$20,000 allocated for Graduate Student participation
$14,000 - GSC Aggies Commit Career Enhancement Fellowships

To support high-impact experiences that go beyond required activities within the student’s degree program; further professional training by providing access to resources or programming not available at Texas A&M; work with senior scholars on other campuses or abroad

Examples: internships, diversity/global learning activities, grant writing training, qualitative research training programs, professional development workshops, and interdisciplinary experiences.
2. $6,000 - OGAPS will fund mini grants to graduate student organizations for new experiences for graduate students that contribute to Aggies Commit