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## **Qatar Foundation International & the Choices Program at Brown University's Curriculum Award Program**

Qatar Foundation International (QFI), in partnership with the Choices Program at Brown University, is pleased to announce its Curriculum Award Program to provide K-12 educators with digital editions and print copies of the the Choices Program's Middle East-focused curriculum units.

### ***Program Overview***

Through this program, educators can apply for up to three different classroom sets of curriculum units on the Middle East from the Choices Program.

Educators will first receive a digital editions licenses to units of their choice for immediate use. The Choices Program will then mail printing copies of the units along with reusable student texts. Educators will also then receive the opportunity to obtain free online and in-person professional development for their schools or districts on how to effectively implement these units in the classroom.

Please see below for full details.

## **Program Details**

### *Curriculum Units Overview*

Educators are eligible to apply for up to three (one of each, maximum) unit developed by the Choices Program focused on current events in Syria, Iraq and the Arab world.

Educators will receive the following for each individual unit:

- Digital Editions license for awarded curriculum unit
- 3 Teacher Resource Books
- Up to 30 reusable Student Texts

Each curriculum unit includes:

- Student readings, which are roughly 35,000 words and a lexile level of 1,100, representation a synthesis of scholarship;
- 6-12 lesson plans, which use inquiry methods to build students' source analysis and critical thinking skills;
- Two levels of study guides and multiple graphic organizers; and
- Short, 2-3-minute videos featuring leading scholars and practitioners that complement the readings and lessons

To learn more about the content and structure of these units, please visit the Choices Program's curriculum catalogue here: <https://www.choices.edu/inside-a-unit/>

### *Digital Editions License(s)*

Given the current circumstances creating the need for virtual and distance learning, educators selected to receive an award will receive a Digital Editions licenses for each unit(s), which will remain active **through June 30, 2020**.\*

Digital Editions licenses are available for immediate access and are ideal for remote and distance learning, as they can be integrated with any learning management system and include all resources in a downloadable format.

To learn more about Digital Editions, please visit here: <https://www.choices.edu/digital-editions/>

\*Should this need last beyond June 30, 2020, access to Digital Editions licenses will be extended.

### *Print Copies*

After June 30, 2020, upon the expiration of the digital license, or when circumstances allow, educators will be mailed print copies of the awarded unit(s).

Curriculum units in print format include a Student Text with student readings and a separate Teacher Resource Book with lesson plans and related materials.

Educators will receive three Teacher Resource Books and up to thirty Student Texts based on demonstrated need.

***The content and resources in the print copies are identical to those in the Digital Editions format.***

### ***Professional Development***

All educators who receive this award are eligible to receive professional development opportunities on how to effectively implement these units into your existing coursework, both digitally and in-person.

***Both are optional and can be used/accessed at the discretion of the educator.***

### **Online**

QFI and the Choices Program will provide online recordings lead by the Choices Program's Director of Professional Development and educators familiar with the unit, that can be accessed an any time via QFI's website.

These recordings will be posted by early May and selected educators will be notified.

### **In-Person**

When circumstances allow, in-person professional development opportunities will become available for those selected.

QFI and the Choices Program will travel to your school and provide up to a two-day professional development workshop for up to 30 educators on implementing the unit into your classroom. This workshop would be at minimal cost to the educator, school or district. Each participant will receive a print copy of the curriculum unit at the professional development workshop.

If interested in this at the time of applying, please note this in the relevant section of the application. QFI will reach out to selected applicants regarding this opportunity in the future once in-person workshops resume.

### ***Applicant Eligibility***

Applicants must:

- Be a current K-12 teacher ***in a public or public charter school*** in the United States
- Demonstrate that he/she provides, or intends to provide, classroom instruction on topics related to the Middle East or Arab World

### ***Application Timeline***

Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis.

Please allow up to two weeks for an application to be reviewed and a Digital Editions license to be provided upon selection.

### ***How to Apply***

To apply for this award, please create an account on QFI's application management portal, Apply, at [qfi.smapply.org](https://qfi.smapply.org).

Upon completing your login credentials and user profile, you will be prompted to take an Eligibility Quiz to determine if you meet the conditions to apply. If eligible, please follow the instructions to access the grant application.

If you have previously created an account on QFI's previous application management portal, FluidReview, you can login using the same credentials.

## **Contact Information**

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