What is Hullabaloo U?
Hullabaloo U is a semester-long, 0 credit hour first-year experience course designed to create a welcoming and affirming environment for each new student. The goals of Hullabaloo U are for students to develop self-efficacy, self-awareness, and a sense of purpose; become actively engaged in the learning environment inside and outside of the classroom; and become socially integrated within the university community. A Hullabaloo U Instructor is a Texas A&M University employee who is committed to first-year student success and persistence. Instructors serve as educators, resources, and representatives of TAMU.

Benefits of Teaching Hullabaloo U
• $500 bursary stipend per semester to use for professional development, etc.
• Have an impact and connect with Texas A&M students. Hullabaloo U instructors will be a touchpoint for their students every week throughout their first semester, and will be able to equip them for success during the rest of their time at Texas A&M. They will be an integral part of their transition to college.
• Connection to the student experience. Connecting to real life first year students can help put their role as an administrator/practitioner in perspective. They will work with students in a group setting and hear their common concerns during their first semester.
• Expanded network of faculty and staff. With over 350 instructors that represent various campus offices and departments, instructors will have the opportunity to experience a greater connection to the Texas A&M University community.
• Professional development opportunities. Instructors will have the opportunity to engage in learning strategies, become more familiar with transitional needs of first-year students, and learn things they can apply to their other responsibilities.

Minimum Requirements
• Hold at least a Bachelor’s degree
• Status as a current Texas A&M University employee (faculty, full-time staff and graduate students who have completed at least 18 hours of graduate coursework at Texas A&M).
• Have worked at Texas A&M for a minimum of one year (as of 8/24/20)

Instructor Responsibilities
• Commit to serving as an instructor for a semester-long (typically fall), 0-credit hour transition to college course. Sections are composed of no more than 25 students and meet weekly for 50 minutes.
• Prepare and facilitate weekly well-organized presentations, class discussions, and activities on various topics. Mandatory content modules for four weeks of the semester will be provided by the Office for Student Success. Additional encouraged content modules for other weeks with lesson plans, activities and facilitation guides will be available as well.
• Develop a rapport and a safe relationship with new students
• Communicate accurate and timely information to students about academic and student resources.
• Be accessible and willing to assist students as they navigate their first year, and make referrals to appropriate resources for issues that are beyond scope of expertise
• Abide by all curriculum guidelines such as learning outcomes, required content, etc.
• Conduct provided assessments and return completed surveys/artifacts to the Office for Student Success
• Attend required training workshops. Instructor training will consist of:
  • Hullabaloo U Instructor Symposium: May 11, 2020, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  • New instructors must also complete a New Instructor Workshop on ONE of the following dates:
    • Friday, May 1, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
    • Wednesday, May 6, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
    • Tuesday, May 12, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
• Meet regularly with the Peer Mentor assigned to their section to coordinate and plan course components
• Assist their Peer Mentor with development of a learning contract (introduced at New Instructor Workshop) related to their experience and provide them with developmental opportunities within the classroom to fulfill their goals

Supervisor/Department Head Agreement:
I have read the information about the Hullabaloo U Instructor responsibilities and requirements and agree to support my employee to fulfill all responsibilities of this program.

Supervisor/Dept. Head Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Supervisor/Dept. Head Name: ____________________________ Supervisor/Dept. Head Title: ____________________________
Participant Name: ____________________________ Department: ____________________________