

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****August 30, 2023****U.S. Department of State****English Language Programs****Contact:** ECA-Press@state.gov; Outreach@elprograms.org / 202-687-6044**Ghadah Rahman Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious English Language Teaching Fellowship**

The U.S. Department of State announced the selection of Ghadah Rahman from the university of South Florida for a 10-month fellowship project training teachers and teaching English in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan at Pavlodar State Pedagogical University. Ghadah Rahman is one of only 184 U.S. citizens selected for the 2023-2024 English Language Fellow Program.

Ghadah Rahman graduated from the University of South Florida with a master's degree in Linguistics, TESOL. Before obtaining her master's, she spent 16 years training teachers in lesson design, curriculum development, assessment design, and leadership in the classroom. She is skilled in classroom instruction for 4-12th grades, English Language Learners, Undergraduate students, and adult learners. Her experience spans university-level research and teaching, public school education, and private sector instruction, such as teaching reading in prisons.

The English Language Fellow Program is the premier opportunity for experienced teachers of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) with funding provided by the U.S. government. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, Fellows work directly with local teachers, students, and educational professionals to improve the quality of English language instruction offered at prestigious universities and other academic institutions.

Since 1969, the English Language Fellow Program has sent thousands of TESOL scholars and educators abroad to promote English language learning, enhance English teaching capacity, and foster mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through cultural exchange. On assignment, Fellows teach English, conduct teacher training, develop resources, and organize events and conferences. These projects are challenging and the teachers selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. In return, the program provides professional development opportunities to help participants experience different cultures and build skills that can greatly enhance their TESOL careers back home.

English Language Fellows are counted among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Fellow Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

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