

2020-2021 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program – Cycle II (Fulbright DAST)

2 DAST Cycle II Projects*: Introducing Innovative EFL Teaching Techniques at an Uzbek Teacher Training Center

**The same DAST project will be carried out in two different cities by two different DAST fellows.*

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Cities, Country: Namangan, Andijan, or Termez, Uzbekistan

Project Dates: October 10, 2020 – November 22, 2020

Project Length: 6 weeks

Summary: Two U.S. K-12 educators specializing in modern and innovative EFL teaching techniques will travel to regional teacher training centers in Uzbekistan to conduct EFL TOT (Training of Trainers) workshops with staff and provide in-service public-school English teachers with EFL professional development courses (possibly in STEAM topics).



II. HOST INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Name/Department: Regional Center of Training for Pedagogical Personnel/Department of Coordinating Training, Retraining, and Advanced Training

Type: Public institution (Ministry of Public Education)

Website: <https://www.uzedu.uz/>

About: There are 14 Regional Centers of Training for Pedagogical Personnel under the Ministry of Public Education. One mission of the Regional Centers is to provide in-service training for subject-matter public school teachers located in each region. These trainings last one calendar month. Annually about 4,500-6,000 schoolteachers attend trainings in each Regional Center; 10% of these are English Language teachers. During one such training, it is expected that the DAST fellow will share their expertise in teaching EFL with their English-language teaching counterparts. It is hoped that the DAST fellow will introduce EFL teacher trainers and in-service EFL educators to modern and innovative approaches to everyday EFL classroom teaching, interactive lesson-planning and execution, the utilization of EFL in teaching STEAM subjects, implementing student-centered teaching approaches, etc.



III. PROJECT INFORMATION

Background: In the last two years, the Government of Uzbekistan initiated wide-range reforms on a national scale. Several Presidential decrees were released with the goal of improving public education in Uzbekistan. The Ministry of Public Education the largest government institution responsible for compulsory education. Among the Ministry's current goals are improving the quality of teaching, increasing the number of schools with subjects taught completely in a foreign language, introducing innovative pedagogical practices, and developing 21st century skills in Uzbek youth.

Project Activities: Leading seminars, workshops or other teacher professional development for educators; Advising Ministry of Education or other educational institutions on educational policies and projects or participating in educational consultations; Presenting lectures or conference plenary presentations

Target Beneficiaries: In-service public school English teachers; professors and teacher teaching personnel at the Bukhara Regional Center of Training for Pedagogical Personnel

IV. QUALIFICATIONS OF SELECTED APPLICANT

Teaching Level: K-12

Years of Teaching Experience: 5+

Subject Area Expertise: EFL; teacher training; STEAM

Language Requirement: None, but knowledge of Russian or Uzbek is recommended

